



LFC Requester: Liu

**PUBLIC EDUCATION DEPARTMENT  
BILL ANALYSIS  
2026 REGULAR SESSION**

**SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION**

Check all that apply:

Original  Amendment   
Correction  Substitute

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Bill No: HB100

Committee Referrals: HEC/HAFC

**Agency Name and Code:** PED - 924

Sponsor: Gonzales/Garratt

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NETWORK FUNDING

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**SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT**

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

**APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)**

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY27	FY28		
\$3,000	None	Nonrecurring	General Fund

**REVENUE (dollars in thousands)**

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY27	FY28	FY29		
None	None	None	N/A	NFA

**ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)**

	FY27	FY28	FY29	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
<b>Total</b>	None	None	None	None	N/A	NFA

Duplicates/Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act: None as of 1/24/26.

## **SECTION III: NARRATIVE**

### **BILL SUMMARY**

Synopsis: House Bill 100 (HB100) would appropriate \$3 million to the Public Education Department (PED) for expenditure in FY27 for the science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) innovation network.

This bill does not provide an effective date. Laws go into effect 90 days after the adjournment of the Legislature enacting them, unless a later date is specified. If enacted, this bill would become effective May 20, 2026.

### **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

The bill would appropriate \$3 million from the General Fund to PED for expenditure in FY27 for the STEM Innovation Network. Any unexpended balance remaining at the end of FY27 shall revert to the general fund.

With the \$3 million appropriation, the STEM Innovation Network would be able to:

- operate the principal hub and five regional hubs, as well as expand to two new regions; and
- provide programming for mathematics, career and technical education, and out of school time.

### **SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

The STEM Innovation Network notes that it would allocate \$1.3 million across five regional hubs to support rural and tribal communities. These hubs are located in universities or existing regional education cooperatives (RECs):

1. Northwest region: San Juan College;
2. Northeast region: New Mexico Highlands University;
3. Central region: Explora/R4Creating/New Mexico Tech;
4. Southwest region: Western New Mexico University/SWREC; and
5. Southeast region: REC #6 (Portales).

With the remaining \$1.7 million, the STEM Innovation Network would expand its programming and offer more funding opportunities around the state. Previously, they were able to provide for:

- Twenty-three mini-grants (\$300,000 total);
- \$300,000 allocated to student STEM competitions;
- \$400,000 invested in mathematics professional learning;
- \$200,000 leveraged to expand STEM-based after-school programs;
- \$150,000 in research and evaluation to create common metrics that can assess the effectiveness of STEM professional learning and STEM learning opportunities in relation to student outcomes;
- \$250,000 leveraged from industry partners to further support STEM learning initiatives; and
- The formation of a 12-member executive council representing industry, education, and Indigenous communities to guide the Network's strategy, priorities, and performance metrics.

## **PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS**

None.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

The PED would be the fiscal agent for the appropriation.

## **CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP**

None.

## **TECHNICAL ISSUES**

Senate Bill 107 (2025) would have created the STEM Innovation Network in state law but failed to pass. Consequently, the network does not currently exist in New Mexico statute. While House Bill 2 (2025) allocated \$3 million to the network, it was not formally created in New Mexico law, and thus nor were any statutory duties or powers established for the network. It would be prudent to codify the network into statute to ensure funding is distributed in accordance with the sponsors' intentions.

## **OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES**

The New Mexico STEM Innovation Network (STEMinNM) was created in 2025 through state legislative funding "[to strengthen and expand STEM education across the K–12 system in alignment with NPED priorities.](#)"

## **ALTERNATIVES**

None.

## **WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL**

None.

## **AMENDMENTS**

None.