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AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS - 2026 REGULAR SESSION

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SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION

{Indicate if analysis is on an original bill, amendment, substitute or a correction of a previous bill}

Date Prepared: 2/2/2026 *Check all that apply:*
Bill Number: SB 194 Original Correction
 Amendment Substitute

Sponsor: Senator Pete Campos **Agency Name and Code:** Luna Community College
Short Title: Capital Outlay – Softball & Baseball Field, LCC **Number:** 970
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SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY26	FY27		
5000.0		Nonrecurring	General Fund

REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY26	FY27	FY28		

(Parenthesis () indicate revenue decreases)

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY26	FY27	FY28	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total						

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates/Conflicts with/Companion to/Relates to: None identified
 Duplicates/Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act

SECTION III: NARRATIVE

BILL SUMMARY

Synopsis: Senate Bill 194 appropriates five million dollars (\$5,000,000) from the general fund to the Higher Education Department for expenditure in fiscal year 2027 for a new softball and baseball field at Luna Community College. Any unexpended balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2027 shall revert to the general fund.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation provided in Senate Bill 194 is nonrecurring capital outlay funding for construction of athletic facilities. The bill does not include funding for ongoing operations or maintenance. Any future operating costs would be subject to separate budget consideration.

Note: major assumptions underlying fiscal impact should be documented.

Note: if additional operating budget impact is estimated, assumptions and calculations should be reported in this section.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

Luna Community College operates established baseball and softball programs that serve as critical in-state pathways for New Mexico student-athletes. Baseball was established in 2006 and is celebrating its 20th year, and softball began in 2009. Luna's softball program is the only community college softball program in New Mexico, and Luna is one of only three two-year institutions in the state offering baseball.

These programs primarily recruit New Mexico students and demonstrate strong academic outcomes, including high grade point averages, Academic All-Region recognition, and consistent degree and certificate completion with successful transfer to four-year institutions.

The development of on-campus softball and baseball fields would address long-standing facility needs and support student participation, safety, and scheduling flexibility, and institutional stability.. Currently, the college relies on off-campus rented facilities, which limits access and constrains program operations.

While the bill specifically appropriates funding for softball and baseball fields, these facilities would also support broader student services objectives, including student activities, Title IX athletic equity, multi-use programming, and enhanced campus engagement.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

Ownership of on-campus fields would allow the college to better align athletic schedules with academic programming, reduce travel time, and improve student-athlete access to instructional time. Improved access to facilities supports student retention, completion, and academic performance.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

Upon appropriation, the Higher Education Department and Luna Community College would coordinate project planning and implementation in accordance with standard capital outlay procedures. On-campus facilities would improve operational oversight and coordination of student activities.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

No conflict, duplication, companionship, or relationship with other pending legislation has been identified.

TECHNICAL ISSUES

The project is proposed on existing college-owned property and would not require land acquisition. Implementation would follow standard capital outlay design, procurement, and construction processes administered through the Higher Education Department.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

The availability of on-campus athletic facilities would enhance the college's capacity to host student activities and community-based programming and to support equitable access to athletic opportunities consistent with Title IX principles.

ALTERNATIVES

The alternative is continued reliance on rented off-campus facilities, which limits scheduling control, increases costs, and creates uncertainty regarding long-term access.

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

If the bill is not enacted, Luna Community College will remain dependent on external facilities for softball and baseball programs, limiting program stability, student access, and institutional control over athletic operations.

AMENDMENTS

None identified.