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**AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS - 2026 REGULAR SESSION**

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**SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION**

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**Date:** Feb. 3, 2025 **Check all that apply:**  
**Bill Number:** House Bill 250 Original  Correction   
 Amendment  Substitute

**Sponsor:** Dixon **Agency Name and Code:** Central New Mexico Community College (968)  
**Short Title:** Tech & Innovation Network **Number:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT**

**APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)**

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY26	FY27		
	NFI		

**REVENUE (dollars in thousands)**

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY26	FY27	FY28		
	NFI			

(Parenthesis ( ) indicate revenue decreases)

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

	FY26	FY27	FY28	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
<b>Total</b>		NFI				

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to Senate Bill 177, General Fund Transfers to Other Funds

## **SECTION III: NARRATIVE**

### **BILL SUMMARY**

#### **Synopsis:**

House Bill 250 (HB250) decreases the number of core members from eleven to eight eliminating representatives from the University of New Mexico Health Sciences Center, Navajo Technical University, and Central New Mexico Community College. The bill updates how members are appointed, serve, and rotate. The bill also clarifies roles and procedures to reduce overlap and improve efficiency.

### **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

HB 250 has no direct fiscal impact on CNM.

### **SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

HB 250 decreases the number of core members from eleven to eight eliminating representatives from the University of New Mexico Health Sciences Center, Navajo Technical University, and Central New Mexico Community College (CNM). Representation from higher education institutions remains for research institutions while representation of workforce training, an essential component of the industry, is removed. CNM is leading the nation in efforts to develop a highly skilled workforce in quantum, information science, advanced energy, hypersonics, photonics, advanced manufacturing, and other emerging technologies and is one of the largest higher educational institutions in New Mexico, serving over 30,000 students annually.

The Technology and Innovation Network Advisory Board was created in Laws 2025, Chapter 133 to guide strategic planning, support the Technology and Innovation Division, and help administer the Research, Development, and Deployment Fund that focuses on strengthening the tech economy, fostering public-private partnerships, and accelerating technology commercialization. The current board composition consists of representatives from national labs, higher educational institutions, businesses, and economic development partners, including venture capitalists and industry leaders. Advising the Technology and Innovation Office, which oversees a \$40 million+ fund for innovation and a Technology Innovation Prize program.

### **PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS**

CNM supports a new approach to learning that provides accelerated educational and training opportunities in key workforce areas including technology and healthcare, wrap-around support for aspiring entrepreneurs, and cooperative ventures that foster economic development and job creation.

In December 2025, CNM completed the inaugural cohort of the nation's first 10-week quantum

and advanced technology technician workforce program. Developed to support New Mexico's economic diversification goals, the program has already demonstrated strong outcomes, with graduates actively interviewing with industry and national laboratory partners. The program's specialized training tracks are in high demand, generating significant interest from students, employers, and regional partners, and demonstrating strong recruitment and expansion potential to meet rapidly growing workforce needs across quantum, advanced energy, aerospace, and defense sectors.

It is estimated that for every PhD engaged in research and development, nine technicians are required to support commercialization and technology transfer—underscoring the scale and urgency of this workforce's need.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

The removal of CNM removes an institution focused on workforce training programs that deliver the technical skills required by the technology and innovation industry. CNM is leading the nation in efforts to develop a highly skilled workforce in quantum, information science, advanced energy, hypersonics, photonics, advanced manufacturing, and other emerging technologies.

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

Relates to Senate Bill 177 that transfers \$111 million from the general fund to the research, development, and deployment fund for economic development in the fields of artificial intelligence, Quantum technology, advanced energy, aerospace and defense and bioscience; to increase research capacity at state universities and national labs; and strengthen relationships with federal initiatives and workforce development.