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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}

Click all that apply:

Original **Amendment**
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Date Prepared: 2026-01-29
Bill No: SB171

Sponsor: J **Agency Name and Code** NMHED
Gonzales, Roberto "Bobby" **Number:** _____
Short Title: NORTHERN NM STATE SCHOOL DOCUMENTARY **Person Writing:** Weber, Jody
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SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

| Appropriation | | Recurring or Nonrecurring | Fund Affected |
|---------------|---------|---------------------------|---------------|
| FY26 | FY27 | | |
| N/A | \$200.0 | Nonrecurring | General Fund |
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(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

| Estimated Revenue | Recurring | Fund Affected |
|-------------------|-----------|---------------|
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| FY26 | FY27 | FY28 | or Nonrecurring | |
|-------------|-------------|-------------|----------------------------|-----|
| N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
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(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

| | FY26 | FY27 | FY28 | 3 Year Total Cost | Recurring or Nonrecurring | Fund Affected |
|--------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|------------------------------|--|--------------------------|
| Total | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates/Conflicts with/Companion to/Relates to:

Duplicates/Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act:

SECTION III: NARRATIVE

BILL SUMMARY

Senate Bill 171 (SB171) appropriates two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) from New Mexico’s General Fund to the Board of Regents of Northern New Mexico State School for FY27 to contract for the production of an educational documentary on Padre Antonio José Martínez. Any funds unexpended at the end of FY27 shall revert to the General Fund.

Padre Antonio José Martínez (1793–1867) was a prominent New Mexican priest, educator, publisher, rancher, farmer, community leader, and politician. His life and work spanned and shaped three major eras in New Mexico’s history: the Spanish colonial period, the Mexican period, and the American occupation and subsequent territorial period.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

Northern New Mexico College (NNMC) did not submit this request to the New Mexico Higher Education Department (NMHED) for possible incorporation into the NMHED higher education comprehensive funding recommendation. The NMHED has a formal process for reviewing earmarked budget requests for higher education institutions when developing the NMHED funding recommendation.

SB171 does not specify any reporting requirements or set measurable targets for its documentary project. The appropriation is to the Board of Regents, but it is unclear who will receive the funds at the institution and execute the project.

Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY27 shall revert to the General Fund.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

- The institution named in SB171, “Northern New Mexico State School,” is the former name of Northern New Mexico College, as listed in the New Mexico constitution.
- There are no details regarding the production of the documentary, including whether students at the institution will participate in the production, whether the project will be bid out to a professional production company, and which contractors or vendors will be involved and how they will be selected.
- There is no information on the length and scope of the final deliverable.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

While no performance reporting was included in the bill, it would be appropriate for the institution to report on how the funds were distributed and how many New Mexicans were able to view the final product.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation would be administered by the institution.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

N/A

TECHNICAL ISSUES

N/A

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

N/A

ALTERNATIVES

N/A

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

If SB171 were not passed, then two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) would not be appropriated from the General Fund for the production of an educational documentary on Padre Antonio José Martínez.

AMENDMENTS

N/A