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**AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS
2026 REGULAR SESSION**

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SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION

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Original **Amendment**
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Date Prepared: 2026-02-02
Bill No: SB194

Sponsor: Campos, Pete
LUNA COLLEGE
Short Title: BASEBALL FIELD

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SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY26	FY27		
N/A	\$5,000.0	Nonrecurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

Estimated Revenue	Recurring	Fund Affected

FY26	FY27	FY28	or Nonrecurring	
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

(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 194 (SB194) appropriates five million dollars (\$5,000,000) from the General Fund to the New Mexico Higher Education Department (NMHED) for expenditure in FY27 for a new softball and baseball field at Luna Community College (LCC). Any unexpended balance remaining at the end of FY27 shall revert to the General Fund.

NMHED's analysis of this bill focuses on the higher education implications of the proposed legislation. Additional insight may be obtained from other agencies' analyses.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

SB194 appropriates five million dollars (\$5,000,000) from the General Fund to NMHED for expenditure in FY27. This is a nonrecurring capital appropriation with a reversion clause specifying that any unexpended balance at the end of FY27 shall revert to the General Fund.

NMHED will administer these funds involving receipt, disbursement, and tracking to LCC.

LCC did not submit this request to the 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.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

SB194 supports athletic facilities and programs at LCC, a two-year public college serving northeastern New Mexico. Athletic programs at community colleges can support student recruitment, retention, engagement, and pathways to four-year institutions, and new athletic facilities may enhance program quality and competitiveness. However, the bill does not specify whether the appropriation is intended to fund design, site preparation, construction, field surfaces, dugouts, fencing, lighting, spectator facilities, or all phases of field development, which may create challenges in planning and ensuring sufficient resources to complete a fully functional facility. Additionally, the bill does not address ongoing operating and maintenance costs for the new softball and baseball fields, which LCC will need to cover through existing or future budgets.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

SB194 does not outline specific performance measures or reporting requirements for either LCC or NMHED. If funded, LCC could develop performance measures in coordination with the NMHED, such as project completion milestones, student participation rates in softball and baseball programs, or facility utilization, to support accountability and assessment of the capital investment.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

NMHED will administer this appropriation involving receipt, disbursement, and tracking to LCC. LCC would be responsible for project planning, design, construction management, procurement, and compliance with capital project requirements. NMHED's role typically includes coordinating capital projects, monitoring expenditures, and ensuring compliance with state capital outlay processes and reporting requirements, which can be managed within existing staff and systems.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

SB194 is a single-institution capital appropriation for LCC and does not amend higher education statutes or create statewide programs. NMHED's review does not identify direct conflicts or duplications with other higher education legislation.

TECHNICAL ISSUES

SB194 is a single-section appropriation bill with a clear appropriation amount, administering agency (NMHED), beneficiary institution (LCC), fiscal year (FY27), and reversion clause. The bill does not specify the scope of the softball and baseball field project (e.g., whether it includes both fields, support facilities, or phased construction), which provides institutional flexibility but may also create ambiguity in implementation and accountability.

From NMHED's perspective, there are no drafting errors or inconsistencies that would prevent implementation.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

Because SB194 is a nonrecurring appropriation limited to FY27 with reversion, the bill does not address whether additional funding may be needed in future years for project completion if costs exceed five million dollars (\$5,000,000) or for equipment, maintenance, or operating expenses associated with the new field.

Capital projects for athletic facilities typically follow established field dimension and safety standards, such as those published by the National College Athletic Association (NCAA) and National Federation

of State High School Associations (NFSHSA), to ensure fields are suitable for competitive play, although SB194 does not reference such requirements or specify design standards.

ALTERNATIVES

LCC may seek other sources of funding, such as federal grants, private donations, or partnerships with local governments or community organizations, to supplement the state appropriation or to cover ongoing operating and maintenance costs for the softball and baseball fields. LCC may have fewer dedicated resources to construct new athletic facilities and may need to rely on existing budgets, incremental improvements to current facilities, or alternative funding sources to support softball and baseball programs and related student participation.

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

If SB194 is not enacted, five million dollars (\$5,000,000) will not be appropriated from the General Fund to NMHED for a new softball and baseball field at LCC.

AMENDMENTS

N/A