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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**
Correction **Substitute**

Date Prepared: 2026-01-30
Bill No: SB200

Sponsor: Campos, Pete
KANW EDUCATIONAL
Short Title: RADIO STATION

Agency Name and Code NMHED
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SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY26	FY27		
N/A	\$500.0	Nonrecurring	Government Results and Opportunity (GRO) Program Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY26	FY27	FY28		
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 200 (SB200) appropriates five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) from the Government Results and Opportunity (GRO) Program Fund to the New Mexico Public Education Department (NMPED) for expenditure in FY27 for the KANW educational radio station for equipment purchases and to add reporting resources to support coverage of rural New Mexico news.

Any unexpended balance at the end of FY27 reverts to the GRO Program Fund.

The New Mexico Higher Education Department's (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

SB200 appropriates five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) from the GRO Program Fund to NMPED for FY27.

There is no direct fiscal impact to NMHED or public higher education institutions (HEIs).

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

SB200 provides targeted funding to a public educational media outlet to expand reporting capacity and rural news coverage. Because the station is operated by Albuquerque Public Schools (APS), the appropriation is directed through NMPED rather than NMHED.

NMHED administers state support for public broadcasting stations that are licensed to and operated by HEIs in New Mexico. During the 2025 First Special Session, the Legislature appropriated funds to support higher education-managed public television and radio stations across the state. These stations are affiliated with HEIs including the University of New Mexico (UNM), New Mexico State University (NMSU), Eastern New Mexico University (ENMU), San Juan College (SJC), and Santa Fe Community College (SFCC).

NMHED's recent statewide review of public broadcasting impacts found that higher education license holders represent the largest share of federal public broadcasting funding losses in New Mexico. These stations provide instructional opportunities for students, workforce training in media and journalism fields, emergency alerting capacity, and local news coverage in rural communities.

SB200 addresses needs at an NMPED-affiliated station within this broader statewide public broadcasting landscape that includes both K-12 and higher education license holders.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

N/A

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

Administrative responsibility for this appropriation would rest with NMPED. The KANW educational radio station is operated by APS, which falls under the jurisdiction of NMPED rather than NMHED. As a result, SB200 does not create administrative responsibilities for NMHED.

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 SB200 is not enacted, NMPED would not receive an appropriation of five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) from the GRO Program Fund to support equipment purchases and expanded rural news reporting capacity for the KANW educational radio station operated by APS.

AMENDMENTS

N/A

