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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:** SB203

**Sponsor:** Campos, Pete  
NORTHERN NM STATE  
**Short Title:** SCHOOL DOCUMENTARY

**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	\$200.0	Nonrecurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

**REVENUE (dollars in thousands)**

Estimated Revenue	Recurring	Fund Affected

<b>FY26</b>	<b>FY27</b>	<b>FY28</b>	<b>or Nonrecurring</b>	
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

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

	<b>FY26</b>	<b>FY27</b>	<b>FY28</b>	<b>3 Year Total Cost</b>	<b>Recurring or Nonrecurring</b>	<b>Fund Affected</b>
<b>Total</b>	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 203 (SB203) is a duplicate of Senate Bill 171 (SB171) and appropriates two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) from New Mexico’s General Fund to the Board of Regents of Northern New Mexico State School in FY27. This appropriation is 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.

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**

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

SB203 does not specify any reporting requirements or set measurable targets for its basic needs project. The appropriation is to the Board of Regents, but it is unclear who at the institution will receive the funds 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 SB203, “Northern New Mexico State School,” is the former name of Northern New Mexico College, as listed in the New Mexico State constitution.
- There are no details regarding the production of the documentary, including whether students at the institution will participate, 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, how many viewing the film had, and how many students were served.

#### ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation would be administered by the institution.

#### CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

This bill is a duplicate of SB171.

#### TECHNICAL ISSUES

N/A

#### OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

N/A

#### ALTERNATIVES

N/A

#### WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

If SB203 is not passed, two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) will not be appropriated from the General Fund to Northern New Mexico College for the production of an educational documentary on Padre Antonio José Martínez.

#### AMENDMENTS

N/A

