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### **FISCAL IMPACT REPORT**

SPONSOR:	Sanchez	DATE TYPED:	02/12/00	HB	466
SHORT TITLE:	Establish Dedicated Fusion Energy Laboratory			SB	
				ANALYST:	Pacheco-Perez

### **APPROPRIATION**

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY00	FY01	FY00	FY01		
	\$ 400.0			Rec	GF

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

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### **SOURCES OF INFORMATION**

Commission on Higher Education (CHE)

Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department (EMNRD)

## **SUMMARY**

### Synopsis of Bill

This bill appropriates \$400.0 from the general fund to the Board of Regents of the New Mexico State University to enable the College of Engineering to conduct research and other activities related to the acquisition of federal funds for the establishment of a dedicated fusion energy laboratory in New Mexico. This bill carries an emergency clause.

## **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

The appropriation of \$400.0 contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund for expenditure in fiscal years 2000 and 2001. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY01 shall revert to the general fund.

## **OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES**

According to EMNRD, research described in this bill is not duplicative of that being conducted at the state's national laboratories. If a state funding match is not provided, the availability of federal funding for such research could be negatively impacted.

he CHE recommends that the following language be included for all new recurring higher education programs: "A plan for a program evaluation, including specific program goals and criteria for assessing program effectiveness shall be submitted to the LFC and the CHE by October 1, 2000. An assessment of the program will be completed prior to June 30, 2001 and submitted to the LFC and the CHE."

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