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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 2/1/06

SPONSOR Hall LAST UPDATED _____ HB 339

SHORT TITLE NMSU 4-H Engagement in Youth Program SB _____

ANALYST Earp

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY06	FY07		
	\$250.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates Senate Bill 151

Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Higher Education Department (HED)
New Mexico State University (NMSU)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 339 appropriates \$250,000 from the general fund to the Board of Regents of New Mexico State University to support the 4-H Engagement in Youth and Education Program.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$250,000 contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. The program budget submitted by NMSU indicates that approximately \$193,500 would support three FTE staff positions to conduct programs throughout the state. The balance of the funding would cover other operational costs associated with the program. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2007 shall revert to the general fund.

The sum of \$76,000 was appropriated for this purpose in Chapter 34, Laws of 2005 (Senate Bill

190.) The Legislative Finance Committee funding recommendation for fiscal year 2007 has included this amount as a component of a block-grant appropriation to NMSU for special project expansion. The Executive recommendation does not include funding for this item. Therefore, depending on which recommendation is adopted, the appropriation in this bill will may result in the augmentation of the funding contained in HB 2.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

NMSU is seeking an appropriation for 4-H youth development and educational programs which forge partnerships between educational institutions, secondary education and local communities to promote learning, academic performance and workforce preparation among vulnerable youth in New Mexico.

This proposal was submitted to the Higher Education Department (HED) by NMSU as a component of the university's "K-12 Outreach Initiative" which was ranked #1 out of 9 requests for special program expansion. However, this request was not included in HED's fiscal year 2007 funding recommendations to the Legislature.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

NMSU would bear administrative responsibility for the program to be funded via this legislation.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

Senate Bill 151 and House Bill 339 are duplicate measures.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

NMSU reports that the 4-H Engagement in Youth and Education initiative is a ten year plan with a projected budget requirement of \$10 million. The first four years of the After School Engagement initiative have successfully focused on after school programs. Continued funding for the after school initiative is being sought from local municipalities (city and county), school districts, federal appropriations and contracts and grants. This funding request is for Engagement objective No. 2: Core Curriculum Enhancement to help vulnerable youth achieve higher level of academic and social performance and prepare for meaningful work or further education by adding value to classroom time.

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