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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

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SHORT TITLE Public School Hospitality & Tourism Education      SB 55/aSFC

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### APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY06	FY07		
	NFI		

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Higher Education Department (HED)

Tourism Department (TD)

### SUMMARY

Synopsis of SFC Amendment

The Senate Finance Committee amendments to Senate Bill 55 remove the appropriation from the bill. As amended, the bill has no direct fiscal impact. It is presumed that the proposed program would continue to be offered with support from the hospitality industry as in the past.

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 55 appropriates \$100,000 from the general fund to the Board of Regents of Eastern New Mexico University (ENMU) for the purpose of implementing an industry-recognized certification program in hospitality and tourism education for high school students throughout the state.

### FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$100,000 contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2007 shall revert to the general fund.

**SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

This request was not included in the list of priority projects submitted by ENMU to the New Mexico Higher Education Department (NMHED). Consequently, this request was not reviewed nor recommended by NMHED for funding in fiscal year 2007.

**ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

ENMU would administer the proposed program. It is anticipated that necessary administrative expenses would be absorbed within the appropriated amount.

**OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES**

The New Mexico Tourism Department reports that it supports any legislation that results in improved customer relations with visitors to New Mexico. There is a significant need for individualized training for high school students who will make up the future tourism industry workforce.

Information provided by the New Mexico Restaurant Association (NMRA) through ENMU indicates that NMRA supports this initiative which currently involves 39 schools serving 1,200 students in New Mexico.

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