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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 2/9/06

SPONSOR Campos LAST UPDATED \_\_\_\_\_ HB \_\_\_\_\_

SHORT TITLE Community & Junior College Athletics Programs SB 621

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### APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY06	FY07		
	\$300.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to HB 73.

Relates to an appropriation in the General Appropriation Act.

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

#### Responses Received From

Higher Education Department (HED)

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 621 appropriates \$300,000 from the general fund to the Higher Education Department for athletics at New Mexico Junior College, Luna Community College, and Mesalands Community College.

### FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$300,000 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**

The Higher Education Department provided the following information.

The athletics program of any higher education institution is considered a special project. Such projects are listed as Research and Public Service Projects (RPSPs) by colleges and universities where they appear as line items in the budget. These programs are in addition to any Instruction and General (I&G) budget appropriations that a college or university receives. As such, institutions will annually submit its RPSP priority lists to NMHED for consideration.

For FY07, both NMJC and MCC submitted their athletic program RPSPs to NMHED for \$114,600 and \$197,939 in General Fund respectively. While universities may submit RPSP requests to the Department, it is the Governor's Office that will make a final determination in approving these projects. However, NMHED does recommend a \$21,800 General Fund special appropriation to MCC for its intercollegiate rodeo program. This non-recurring appropriation corresponds with Governor Richardson's statewide promotion of college rodeo programs.

As for LCC, the college did not include athletics in its RPSP priority list to NMHED. Consequently, the request was not reviewed nor recommended by the Department for inclusion in FY07.

The LFC's appropriation recommendations include a lump-sum amount of \$38,700 for athletics at New Mexico Junior College.

**ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

Senate Bill 621 does not provide any information on how the appropriation would be distributed among the three colleges by the Higher Education Department.

**CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP**

House Bill 73 would appropriate \$200,000 for intercollegiate athletics at Mesalands Community College.

The General Appropriation Act (HAFH/H 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 78) includes \$76,500 for athletics at New Mexico Junior College.