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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 2/08/2007

SPONSOR Moore LAST UPDATED \_\_\_\_\_ HB 459

SHORT TITLE Clovis Agricultural Science Center SB \_\_\_\_\_

ANALYST McOlash

### APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY07	FY08		
	\$350.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to SB 130

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

#### Responses Received From

New Mexico State University – Clovis (NMSU-C)  
Higher Education Department (HED)

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 459 appropriates \$350,000 from the General Fund to the Board of Regents of NMSU for expenditure in FY 2008 for program enhancements at the Agricultural Science Center (ASC) at Clovis.

### FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$350,000 contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the General Fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY 2008 shall revert to the General Fund.

### SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

According to NMSU-C, this bill creates three (3) professional research/extension assistant positions, one (1) secretarial position and one (1) farm laborer position, including fringe benefits, and

operating funds; to enable existing research and extension faculty to be more effective in their efforts to address production, conservation and environmental challenges confronting agricultural producers in New Mexico.

NMSU did not submit this request to the New Mexico Higher Education Department for review and is not included in the Department's funding recommendation for FY 2008.

**OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES**

NMSU-C

Recent legislative funding (2004) increased the number of faculty positions at the Agricultural Science Center at Clovis, which has produced a flurry of activity relative to scientific investigations and dissemination of information relative to agricultural production. This bill provides research/extension assistants, support staff, and operational funding which will improve the center's ability to develop and implement producer driven research and extension programs.

**CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP**

Senate Bill 130 appropriates \$250,000 for the same purpose.

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