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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Vigil ORIGINAL DATE 2/13/2007
LAST UPDATED _____ HB 1068
SHORT TITLE Northern Nm Agricultural Product Study SB _____
ANALYST Moser

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY07	FY08		
	\$50.0	Non-Rec	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to HB745

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

NM Department of Higher Education (HED)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 1068 makes an appropriation of \$50,000 from the General Fund to the New Mexico Department of Agriculture for expenditure in FY08 for an agricultural products feasibility study in San Miguel, Mora, and Guadalupe counties.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$50,000 contained in this bill is a non-recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY08 shall revert to the general fund.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The New Mexico Department of Agriculture (NMDA), under the control of the NMSU Board of Regents, is responsible for administering laws and regulations that daily affect the lives of every

citizen of the state. These laws and regulations (concerning the production, preparation, processing, sale, and use of agricultural products; weights and measures; and petroleum products) are designed to assist producers, processors, and consumers. NMDA's marketing program provides guidance to commodity groups in the promotion of agricultural products. A broad consumer service in many areas other than agriculture is provided by the department.

One program known as the Agricultural Products Feasibility Study will focus efforts in northern New Mexico. More specifically San Miguel, Mora, and Guadalupe counties where agricultural products will undergo a feasibility study to determine specialty crops aimed to improve the economic viability of New Mexico's rural economy.

This proposal was not submitted to the HED by NMSU and is not included in the department's funding recommendation for FY08.

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