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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 1/25/07

SPONSOR Nava LAST UPDATED _____ HB _____

SHORT TITLE NMSU Migrant Assistance Program SB 27

ANALYST Guambaña

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY07	FY08		
	\$200.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates HB 142

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

New Mexico State University (NMSU)

Labor Department

New Mexico Higher Education Department (NMHED)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 27 appropriates \$200,000 from the General Fund to the Board of Regents of New Mexico State University for the purpose of the College Assistance Migrant Program (CAMP).

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$200,000 contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the General Fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY 08 shall revert to the General Fund. This program was submitted as a funding request to NMHED by NMSU but was not included in the Department's FY08 funding recommendation.

HED reports that the program is approaching the end of its fifth year and final budget period. There will be a shortage in funds to continue the program for the 2007-08 academic year. CAMP will be reapplying for federal funding in February 2007 for continuation for another five years,

but the determination of award will not be known until September or October 2007.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

NMSU explains that the CAMP program primarily serves New Mexican local migrant and seasonal farm workers and their families and fulfills the overall goals and objectives of the Office of Migrant Education. This program has been used as a recruitment and retention model for first generation students university-wide. CAMP has also served as a model of the first “living learning community” housed at the University. This program is multi-disciplinary in scope, and CAMP students represent all majors at NMSU.

Senate Bill 27 would furnish book and supply stipends for each CAMP alumni student as well as provide tutoring services for students. Senate Bill 27 would additionally provide resources for a full time outreach coordinator, an administrative assistant, as well as a retention advisor.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

NMSU and HED assert that since the inception of the program in 2002, NMSU CAMP has served 116 students from various locations in New Mexico. To date NMSU CAMP’s retention rate is 80%, which is higher than NMSU’s overall retention rate. NMSU further contends that CAMP has also generated over a million dollars in tuition and housing revenue since the program’s inception in the Spring of 2003.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

Senate Bill 27 is a duplicate of House Bill 142.

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