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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 1/22/08

SPONSOR Berry LAST UPDATED \_\_\_\_\_ HB 126

SHORT TITLE Increase Apprenticeship Program Funding SB \_\_\_\_\_

ANALYST Aguilar

### APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

| Appropriation |           | Recurring<br>or Non-Rec | Fund<br>Affected |
|---------------|-----------|-------------------------|------------------|
| FY08          | FY09      |                         |                  |
|               | \$2,000.0 | Recurring               | General Fund     |

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to Appropriations in the General Appropriation Act

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

#### Responses Received From

Public Education Department (PED)  
Higher Education Department (HED)

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 126 appropriates \$2 million from the general fund to the Public Education Department for the purpose of supporting registered apprenticeship programs through the Apprenticeship Assistance Act.

### FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

Funding for this program of \$650.0 is included in the General appropriations Act.

The appropriation of \$2 million contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2009 shall revert to the general fund.

### SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

PED administers the Apprenticeship Assistance funds in accordance with legislative requirements defined within the Act

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Apprenticeship programs are qualified and offer registered apprenticeship training throughout the state. Examples of registered programs may include, but not be limited to, programs such as Associated General Contractors, International Union of Elevator Constructors Local 131 JATC, Northern New Mexico Independent Electrical Contractors, Independent Electrical Contractors of Southern New Mexico, American Fire Sprinkler Association and Wagner Equipment Company.

Apprenticeship is an informal educational method for training individuals in a skilled trade. According to PED, in November 2007 there were 1,248 apprentices registered in the State of New Mexico working at an average hourly wage of \$17.92.

This program collaborates closely with Department of Workforce Solutions to ensure policies are up-to-date and applicable, and to monitor programs to ensure they are complying with Apprenticeship Assistance Act rules.

The Apprenticeship and Training Advisory Committee consists of the 10 voting members and four non-voting members as specified in the Act.

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