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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

**SPONSOR** Nuñez **ORIGINAL DATE** 01/28/10  
**LAST UPDATED** \_\_\_\_\_ **HB** 54  
**SHORT TITLE** NMSU Doña Ana Regional Education Initiative **SB** \_\_\_\_\_  
**ANALYST** Hoffmann

### APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY10	FY11		
	\$100.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

#### Responses Received From

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

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 54 appropriates \$100.0 from the general fund to the Board of Regents of New Mexico State University (NMSU) for Doña Ana Community College to implement the Doña Ana County Regional Educational Initiative.

### FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$100.0 contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of Fiscal Year 2010 shall revert to the general fund.

### SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The HED states that this request was not submitted by NMSU to the HED for review. Due to the current economic conditions in New Mexico, not all institutions submitted funding requests for review. HED recommends flat funding for all existing line items for FY11.

The HED further states that according to NMSU, the formulation of the Regional Education Initiative will fill an area that has lacked in shared vision among the academic entities and the Doña Ana community.

The LFC Appropriation Recommendations for fiscal year 2011, Volume II, page 348 states:

“The committee has significant concerns about accountability and performance outcomes for the extensive number of research and public service projects supported by the state general fund. An LFC review of select research and public service projects identified the need for improvement in the areas of strategic planning, program management and program results and accountability. Further, the committee encourages creation of clusters of centers and institutes within each college or university to achieve consolidation savings. The committee further encourages all stakeholders to consider formation of a water and watershed consortium across institutions with the participation of relevant state agencies to decrease duplication and enhance effectiveness.”

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