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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Nuñez **ORIGINAL DATE** 01/25/10
LAST UPDATED _____ **HB** 58
SHORT TITLE Non-Native Phreatophyte Removal **SB** _____
ANALYST Hoffmann

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY10	FY11		
	\$3,000.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

New Mexico Department of Agriculture (NMDA)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 58 appropriates \$3,000.0 from the general fund to the Board of Regents of New Mexico State University for the New Mexico Department of Agriculture to manage and administer non-native phreatophyte removal and riparian restoration projects. The projects are to be conducted by Soil and Water Conservation Districts according to the non-native phreatophyte/watershed management plan program.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$3,000.0 contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of any fiscal year shall not revert to the general fund.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The New Mexico Department of Agriculture reports that the state has invested significantly in this NNPP effort appropriating over sixteen million dollars (\$16,000,000) to date. The NNPP program has not been funded for the last four years. Continued lack of funding for this effort may neutralize or negate progress made in non-native phreatophyte removal/watershed

restoration.

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

New Mexico State University would need to seek other sources of funding such as federal or private grants or determine if the institution has existing funds available to help support this initiative.

POSSIBLE QUESTIONS

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