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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 02/05/10

SPONSOR Maestas LAST UPDATED _____ HJM 52

SHORT TITLE School Football Championship Changes SB _____

ANALYST Hoffmann

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY10	FY11		
	NFI		

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files
LESC Analysis

Responses Received From
Public Education Department (PED)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Joint Memorial 52 requests that high school athletic directors, high school football coaches, the athletic director at the University of New Mexico and the vice president of athletics at New Mexico State University hold an informal dialogue to consider scheduling all New Mexico high school football championship games on the same day, in rotation at University Stadium for four consecutive years and at Aggie Memorial Stadium every fifth year.

The memorial notes that high school championship games in certain other states are played at well-known stadiums used by professional teams.

The memorial directs that copies be transmitted to the governor, the Public Education Department, the Higher Education Department, and the New Mexico Activities Association.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The PED reports there are no fiscal implications to their department. The New Mexico Activities Association (NMAA) could incur additional costs in establishing University Stadium and Aggie Memorial Stadium as sites for all state championship football games.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The Public Education Department provides the following concerns about the proposed changes.

Currently, football teams qualifying for the state championships are allowed local autonomy in determining the date and time in which the game will be played. If football championship games are all on the same day and at a centralized point:

- Schools would no longer have input into date or time in which the game is played.
- Host school communities would lose revenue.
- Six and eight-man football teams have different field dimensions than at University Stadium and Aggie Memorial Stadium, which could make play at these stadiums difficult for these teams.

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