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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Martinez **ORIGINAL DATE** 02/01/11
LAST UPDATED _____ **HB** _____

SHORT TITLE Transfer Land Grant Registry **SB** 154

ANALYST Hoffmann

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY11	FY12		
NFI	NFI	n/a	None

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to Senate Bill 176

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Department of Finance and Administration (DFA)
Secretary of State (SOS)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 154 proposes to amend Section 49-1-23 NMSA 1978 to transfer the duties of maintaining the New Mexico Community Land Grant Registry and historical documents from the Office of the Secretary of State to the Land Grant Council.

The bill includes an emergency clause.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

Senate Bill 154 makes no appropriations.

In the long term, increasing the responsibilities of the Land Grant Council might result in their need for further appropriations to fund their operations.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The Land Grant Council is administratively attached to the Department of Finance

Administration. The purpose of the Land Grant Council is to establish a land grant support program, provide assistance and advice to land grants and serve as a liaison between land grants and the federal, state and local governments. In December, the Land Grant Council is required to deliver a report to the Governor and legislature on the state of land grants in New Mexico and activities of the council for the year.

The transfer of the duty to maintain the land grant registry is consistent with the other duties of the Land Grant Council, and might improve the efficiency of the council's operation by eliminating some duplication of effort.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

The DFA notes that the Land Grant Council is administratively attached to the Department of Finance and Administration. The staff assigned to the Land Grant Council supports the Land Grant Council and other programs. There is no additional funding for a dedicated staff member to support the Land Grant Council and increased workload of maintaining the Land Grant registry.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

Senate Bill 154 is related to Senate Bill 176. Senate Bill 176 proposes to expand the authority of the Land Grant Council and give the council the right to determine if a land grant is a political subdivision of the state or is not. In addition, under Senate Bill 176 the council would be permitted to give public money to both political subdivisions of the state and to land grants that are not political subdivisions of the state.

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL?

The Secretary of State shall continue to maintain the New Mexico Community Land Grant Registry and historical documents.

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