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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 02/06/12

SPONSOR Campos LAST UPDATED _____ HB _____

SHORT TITLE East Torrance Soil & Water District SB 243

ANALYST Hoffmann

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY12	FY13		
	\$30.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY12	FY13	FY14	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0		NMDA Operating

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Higher Education Department (HED)

New Mexico Department of Agriculture (NMDA)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 243 (SB243) would appropriate \$30 thousand from the general fund to the Board of Regents of New Mexico State University for the New Mexico Department of Agriculture for the East Torrance Soil and Water Conservation District for the purpose of education and training programs, and general district operations.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$30 thousand contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2013 shall revert to the general fund.

The NMDA reports the East Torrance SWCD is an independent political subdivision of state government and has requested this funding independently. These funds will be a pass-through to East Torrance SWCD by NMDA and will not impact the NMDA operating budget (as shown in the “Estimated Additional Operating Budget Impact” table above.

The HED states this request was not submitted by NMSU to the New Mexico Higher Education Department for review. HED has established a formal process for reviewing budget requests such as this for higher education institutions. This process requires prior approval by the governing body of the university or college. It also provides for analysis of each request by HED, the Department of Finance and Administration (DFA), and the Legislative Finance Committee (LFC). HED recommends that requests that circumvent the formal review process not receive funding in the annual budget, but be directed to be resubmitted for funding in FY14.

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