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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 02/02/12

SPONSOR Martinez, R. LAST UPDATED _____ HB _____

SHORT TITLE Northern NM State School Regents, CA SJR 7

ANALYST Hoffmann

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY12	FY13		
	NFI		

(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		\$104.0		\$104.0	Nonrecurring	Secretary of State Operating

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SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Attorney General's Office (AGO)

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No Response Received From

Higher Education Department (HED)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Joint Resolution 7 (SJR7) proposes to amend Article 12, Section 13 of the Constitution of New Mexico to change the Board of Regents of Northern New Mexico State School (now named Northern New Mexico College) by filling one regent position with a student.

The question would be submitted to voters in the next general or special election.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

Senate Joint Resolution 7 makes no appropriation.

The estimated additional operating budget impact of \$104 thousand reflects the experience of the Secretary of State's Office for the cost of placing a constitutional amendment on an election ballot.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The AGO offers the following observations.

Under Article 12, Section 13 of the Constitution, the Northern NM State School had been exempted from a student body member regent (along with the NM School for the Deaf, the NM School for the Blind and the NM Military Institute). SJR7 now provides that the Northern New Mexico School Board of Regents be filled by one student body member, similar to other board of regents for institutions of higher learning.

This amendment is supported in order to recognize that the Northern NM State School now provides four year degrees.

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