

**LEGISLATIVE EDUCATION STUDY COMMITTEE
BILL ANALYSIS**

Bill Number: HB 110

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Tracking Number: .191285.1

Short Title: State Fair 4-H & FFA Funding

Sponsor(s): Representatives Jimmie C. Hall, Larry A. Larrañaga, and Others

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Bill Summary:

HB 110 makes an appropriation to provide for the participation of New Mexico students in the annual 4-H and Future Farmers of America (FFA) livestock school at the State Fairgrounds.

Fiscal Impact:

\$50,000 is appropriated from the General Fund to the State Fair Commission for expenditure in FY 14. Unexpended or unencumbered funds revert to the General Fund.

Substantive Issues:

According to the New Mexico State Fair staff bill analysis, HB 110, if enacted, will provide for:

- certain 4-H and FFA events to return to the State Fairgrounds; and
- housing expenses for participants and rodeo, show, and exhibit space for 4-H and FFA activities.

Background:

The New Mexico State Fair analysis states that:

- 4-H and FFA shows and educational activities have a long history in New Mexico and the nation;
- until a few years ago, statewide annual activities of these organizations have been held at the State Fairgrounds; however, because of cost constraints, the State Fair has had to implement fees for these activities resulting in an inability to hold regional and local 4-H and FFA educational activities thus negating the value of a statewide experience.

The State Fair also states that the term “school” in HB 110 refers to short-term seminar or conference activities of the 4-H and the FFA.

Committee Referrals:

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Related Bills:

HB 109 *NMSU Adult 4-H Training*