

**LEGISLATIVE EDUCATION STUDY COMMITTEE
BILL ANALYSIS**

Bill Number: HB 218

51st Legislature, 1st Session, 2013

Tracking Number: .190683.1

Short Title: NMSU Indian Resources Development Program

Sponsor(s): Representative James Roger Madalena and Others

Analyst: James Ball

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Bill Summary:

HB 218 makes an appropriation to fund the Indian Resources Development Program (IRDP).

Fiscal Impact:

\$172,000 is appropriated from the General Fund to the Board of Regents of New Mexico State University (NMSU) for expenditure in FY 14. Unexpended or unencumbered funds revert to the General Fund.

Substantive Issues:

The Higher Education Department (HED) states that the state appropriation for IRDP has declined since FY 08, when the funding level was just under \$400,000. Testimony before the Indian Affairs Committee during the interim pointed out that, due to reduced funding, IRDP had lost the highly successful Dream Makers Summer program, along with its longitudinal study. HB 218, along with funding provided in HB 11, would restore the program almost to the FY 08 level.

Background:

HED notes that IRDP began in 1977 when NMSU was awarded a W. K. Kellogg Foundation grant to encourage Navajo students to pursue degrees in agriculture and business. Before the grant expired, the New Mexico Legislature approved an enacting statute that:

- continued the objectives of the Kellogg grant by maintaining best practices;
- expanded the scope of participants to include all tribes;
- included the disciplines of engineering, sciences, natural resources, economic development; and
- provided an annual budget.

Committee Referrals:

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Related Bills:

HB 11 *General Appropriations Act of 2013*

SB 255 *NMSU Minority Student Services Program*