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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 2/20/15

SPONSOR McCamley LAST UPDATED _____ HJM 1/aHEC

SHORT TITLE Unified Science, Tech & Math Championship SB _____

ANALYST Chavez

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY15	FY16	FY17	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total		Unknown			Recurring	PED/NMAA operating budgets

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Not Received From
Public Education Department (PED)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of HEC amendment

The House Education Committee amendment to House Joint Memorial 1 removes the requirement that the New Mexico Activities Association (NMAA) work with PED to provide funding at every public school for a STEM coach.

Synopsis of Original Joint Memorial

House Joint Memorial 1 requests that the New Mexico Activities Association (NMAA) work with the PED to create a statewide science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) championship program and develop extracurricular and co-curricular clubs and activities related to STEM. The memorial also asks that NMAA, working with PED, provide funding at every public school for a STEM coach.

Finally, the memorial resolves NMAA and PED report their progress on the request to LESC by December 1, 2015.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

This memorial requests that NMAA, working with PED, provide funding at every public school for a STEM coach. It is not clear whether NMAA or PED or both would be providing the

funding, and what the source of funding would be. It is also not clear what the total cost for STEM coaches would be – whether NMAA and PED would be supplementing the salaries of existing FTE to serve as STEM coaches, or hiring new FTE. **The HEC amendment removes the requirement that NMAA and PED work to provide funding for STEM coaches.**

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

This Joint Memorial cites an article in the Education Policy Analysis Archives that shows students who participate in science and math clubs are three times more likely to choose STEM majors in college.

This memorial also notes that while athletic coaches are usually paid employees of a school district, there is no such arrangement for coaches of STEM activities. If the intent of the memorial is for PED to pay for STEM coaches at the school district level, however, it should be noted athletic coaches in school districts are usually paid from school district operating budget funds (state equalization guarantee or “above the line funding”), and not from the department operating budget.

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