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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Chatfield/Crowder **ORIGINAL DATE** 1/26/19
LAST UPDATED 2/14/19 **HB** 319/aHAWC

SHORT TITLE NMSU Statewide Agriculture Ed Programs **SB** _____

ANALYST Valenzuela

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY19	FY20		
	\$120.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files: FY20 LFC Budget Recommendation, Volume 2.

Responses Received From

New Mexico Department of Agriculture (NMDA)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of House Agriculture and Water Resources Committee (HAWC) Amendment

House Bill 319/aHAWC makes several amendments to the original bill that would allow the appropriation to be expended in FY20 or subsequent years, eliminate the general fund reversion language and define statewide programs to include both high school and postsecondary programs.

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 319 appropriates \$120 thousand from the general fund to the NMSU for the purpose of funding agriculture education programs statewide. Any unexpended balances at the end of FY20 shall revert to the general fund.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The FY20 LFC appropriation recommendation includes general fund appropriations for the following programs in the college of agriculture, whose mission align with the purpose of HB319:

NMSU, Agriculture Experiment Station (AES):	\$14,130,700
NMSU, Cooperative Extension Service (AES):	\$12,781,200

The appropriation of \$120 thousand contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY20 shall revert to the general fund.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

Agricultural Experiment Station researchers work on the main campus and at 13 research centers across the state. Within the AES mission, NMSU seeks to provide educational opportunities through statewide education efforts at each of the 13 research centers. Each of the centers have actively engaged the public by providing open access to the research and events.

The Cooperative Extension Service provides practical, research-based knowledge throughout New Mexico. Extension staff in each county and at tribal offices deliver 4-H programs, conduct trainings, and share research-based information about livestock, nutrition, horticulture, and consumer topics.

TECHNICAL ISSUES

HB319 contains annual reversion language, where unexpended balances from the appropriation revert to the general fund. Higher education institutions do not revert unexpended balances.

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