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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE

SPONSOR SJC **LAST UPDATED** 3/5/19 **HB** _____

SHORT TITLE College Regent Nominating Committees, CA **SJR** 6/SJCS

ANALYST Hawker

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY19	FY20	FY21	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total	No Fiscal Implications					

Parenthesis () indicate expenditure decreases

Relates to SJR5, SJR7

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses to Original Bill Received From
Higher Education Department (HED)
Mesalands Community College (MCC)
New Mexico State University (NMSU)

Other Responses to Original Bill Received From
New Mexico Independent Community Colleges (NMICC)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Joint Resolution

Senate Joint Resolution 6 amends Article 12, Section 13 of the Constitution of New Mexico so that the nonstudent regents are to be nominated by the Governor from a list of at least three names provided by a separate nominating committee established by law for that institution.

The Legislature shall provide for the appointment, terms, powers and duties of the nominating committees. No more than 50 percent of the nominating committee shall be members of the same political party.

Technical cleanup is provided.

This amendment shall be submitted to the people for approval or rejection at the next general election or at any special election prior to that date that may be called for that purpose.

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If approved, the provisions in SJR 6/SJCS shall take effect July 1, 2021.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

There will be election costs to include voting on the resolution in the next general election.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The amendment to the Constitution proposed by SJR6 will require all state educational institutions enumerated in Article 12, Section 11 to have regents appointed via nominating committee process. The institutions are:

- University of New Mexico (UNM)
- New Mexico State University (NMSU)
- New Mexico Highlands University (NMHU)
- Western New Mexico University (WNMU)
- Eastern New Mexico University (ENMU)
- New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology (NMIMT)
- New Mexico Military Institute (NMMI)
- New Mexico School for the Blind and Visually Impaired (NMSBVI)
- New Mexico School for the Deaf (NMSD)
- Northern New Mexico College (NNMC)

RELATIONSHIP

SJR5 establishes four year terms for all non-student regents.

SJR7 establishes seven member boards of regents for all higher education institutions except NMMI, NMSBVI and NMSD.

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