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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR:	Griego	DATE TYPED:	02/05/00	HB	
SHORT TITLE:	Mechanical Chile Harvesting			SB	399
				ANALYST:	Pacheco-Perez

APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY00	FY01	FY00	FY01		
	\$ 200.0			Rec	GF

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates HB310

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Commission on Higher Education (CHE)

New Mexico State University College of Agriculture & Home Economics (NMSU)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

This bill appropriates \$200.0 from the general fund to the Board of Regents of the New Mexico State University to enhance research and development by the Agricultural Experiment Station of mechanical chile harvesting technologies to protect the chile industry.

Significant Issues

According to NMSU, the fresh market chile imports through the state's two ports of entry with Mexico have increased from 66 metric tons in 1989 to 42,957 in 1988. In order to regain some of the fresh market, mechanical harvesting and chile varieties must be developed; crop management practices must be adjusted and a comprehensive economic analysis of production inputs is needed.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$200.0 contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY01 shall revert to the general fund.

CONFLICT/DUPLICATION/COMPANIONSHIP/RELATIONSHIP

This bill duplicates House Bill 310.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

The CHE recommends that the following language be included for all new recurring higher education programs: "A plan for a program evaluation, including specific program goals and criteria for assessing program effectiveness shall be submitted to the LFC and the CHE by October 1, 2000. An assessment of the program will be completed prior to June 30, 2001 and submitted to the LFC and the CHE."

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