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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

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SPONSOR Martinez, R. C. LAST UPDATED \_\_\_\_\_ HB \_\_\_\_\_

SHORT TITLE Northern NM State School Student Regent, Ca SJR 13

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### APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY09	FY10		
	None		

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

### ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY09	FY10	FY11	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
<b>Total</b>		\$2.0	\$2.0	\$4.0	Recurring	General Fund

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Relates to SJR 10, SJR 8

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

#### Responses Received From

Northern New Mexico College (NNMC)

Higher Education Department (HED)

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

Senate Joint Resolution 13 proposes to amend Article 12, Section 13 of the Constitution of New Mexico to provide for a student regent at Northern New Mexico College.

### FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

NNMC states that the operating budget impact would be \$100 per meeting, 12+ times per year, plus travel expenses to and from meetings, and other expenses compensated to Regents.

**SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

Northern New Mexico College currently has five board members (an odd number to avoid ties in policy and other voting between members). The addition of one board member would make the number of board members six (6) and pose the risk of irresolvable positions on issues (i.e. a tie vote).

NNMC recommends that SJR 10 not pass, adding that the need is not apparent.

The HED states that it supports higher institution policies that encourage student participation including student representation on their Board of Regents. NNMC's recent change to a four-year degree granting institution has resulted in increased interest for a student regent on the NNMC's Board of Regents as this is consistent with the rules and regulations that govern similar four-year institutions.

**RELATIONSHIP**

Senate Joint Resolution 13 is related Senate Joint Resolution 10 which proposes a constitutional amendment more extensively expanding Board of Regents membership, including a student member at NNMC and to Senate Joint Resolution 8 which would require a two thirds majority vote of the Senate to confirm appointments to Boards of Regents of educational institutions.

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