

**LEGISLATIVE EDUCATION STUDY COMMITTEE  
BILL ANALYSIS**

**Bill Number: HB 109**

**51st Legislature, 1st Session, 2013**

**Tracking Number: .191286.1**

**Short Title: NMSU Adult 4-H Training**

**Sponsor(s): Representatives Jimmie C. Hall, Larry A. Larrañaga, and Others**

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**Bill Summary:**

HB 109 makes an appropriation to allow the Cooperative Extension Service (CES) to pay for a meeting room and workshop materials for 4-H adult volunteer leaders statewide to learn how to assist 4-H students with their 4-H projects.

**Fiscal Impact:**

\$5,000 is appropriated from the General Fund to the Board of Regents of New Mexico State University (NMSU) for expenditure in FY 14. Unexpended or unencumbered funds revert to the General Fund.

**Substantive Issues:**

The Higher Education Department bill analysis states that:

- 4-H volunteers and students meet annually in Albuquerque for leadership and program workshops; and
- HB 109 would enable CES to provide training programs at the county level as well as training materials and workshop materials to assist 4-H students to complete various agricultural projects.

According to the analysis of the New Mexico Department of Agriculture (NMDA), HB 109, if enacted,

- will provide support to the New Mexico 4-H adult forum and other 4-H adult leader education events (adult leaders currently receive no monetary compensation);
- will minimize costs to volunteer adult 4-H Leaders attending training programs conducted by the New Mexico 4-H program; and
- provide training opportunities for additional leaders so that they can perform their roles at a higher level of confidence while attaining new skills and abilities.

**Background:**

NMDA reports that:

- the success of the 4-H program is based on the learning opportunities volunteer adult 4-H leaders have available to improve their skills in working with 4-H youth members;

- training opportunities provide vital support of 4-H youth development statewide;
- 4-H youth gain invaluable skills in leadership, citizenship, and public speaking; and
- the primary goal of the 4-H program is to help young people develop as responsible and productive citizens in their communities.

**Committee Referrals:**

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**Related Bills:**

HB 110 *State Fair 4-H & FFA Funding*