

**LEGISLATIVE EDUCATION STUDY COMMITTEE
BILL ANALYSIS**

Bill Number: SB 34

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Short Title: Northern NM State School Faculty Salaries

Sponsor(s): Senator Richard C. Martinez

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Bill Summary:

SB 34 makes an appropriation to increase faculty salaries at the Northern New Mexico State School (NNMSS) to a level approaching those paid at similar institutions.

Fiscal Impact:

\$600,000 is appropriated from the General Fund to the Board of Regents of NNMSS for expenditure in FY 14. Unexpended or unencumbered funds revert to the General Fund.

Fiscal Issues:

The Higher Education Department (HED) states that although SB 34 does not have direct financial implications for HED, there could be indirect impacts in that single year appropriations to specific institutions for ongoing operational expenditures may compromise the equity of funding for all such institutions and can require additional such appropriations in future years.

Background:

HED states in its analysis of SB 34 that NNMSS conducted a survey indicating that:

- faculty salaries at the institution are currently 13.43 percent behind other state four-year colleges, and 5.13 percent behind surrounding junior or community colleges; and
- overall, NNMSS' faculty salaries are the lowest in the state for a four-year institution.

Committee Referrals:

SEC/SFC

Related Bills:

HB 129 *Northern NM School Faculty Salaries* (Identical)