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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 02/15/13  
 SPONSOR Campos LAST UPDATED 02/27/13 HB \_\_\_\_\_  
 SHORT TITLE Mesalands College Athletic Programs SB 499  
 ANALYST Roberts

### APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY13	FY14		
	\$50.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act, Mesalands Community College

Duplicate to HB 518

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

#### Responses Received From

Higher Education Department (HED)  
 Mesalands Community College (MCC)

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 499 (SB 499) appropriates \$50 thousand dollars from the general fund to the Higher Education Department (HED) for the Mesalands Community College (MCC) athletic program.

### FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

House Bill 2 (HB 2) includes a general fund appropriation of \$59.9 thousand for the MCC's athletic program. If HB 2, as passed by the House, and SB 499 are enacted, the program would receive a general fund appropriation of \$109.9 thousand, an 83 percent increase over the FY13 general fund level.

The appropriation of \$50 thousand dollars contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. While the bill states that any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2014 shall revert to the general fund, if the appropriation is added to the existing program line-item, the entire appropriation will be treated as nonreverting funds.

**SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

Students involved in equestrian sports can earn scholarships, such as the Mesalands Rodeo Scholarship, the Meagan McCain Memorial Endowed Rodeo Scholarship, and the Rodeo Talent Grant available at the MCC. The MCC Women’s Team placed 2nd and Men’s Team placed 3rd in the 2012-2013 Grand Canyon Region of the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association (NIRA). NIRA offers several scholarships for eligible student athletes. The MCC is among the top college rodeo teams in the United States, and they have hosted 5 annual community college rodeo competitions. There are 49 students on the 2012-2013 Mesalands Rodeo Team representing three foreign countries including Australia, Canada, Mexico and 15 different U. S. States. The Mesalands Rodeo Team has won several championships and has set national records in this sport.

The MCC’s goal is to maintain the rodeo program and continue to see it grow and flourish, and to keep the tradition of rodeo a reality for the future. The Intercollegiate Rodeo Athletic Program at the MCC has been funded using I&G revenue combined with a small legislative appropriation each year. The budget has been stagnant for six years now, and without additional funds the program cannot grow.

**ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

The HED will be responsible for administering the funds for the MCC athletic program.

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