

**LEGISLATIVE EDUCATION STUDY COMMITTEE
BILL ANALYSIS**

Bill Number: HB 291

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Short Title: NMSU Career Skills Training

Sponsor(s): Representative Don L. Tripp and Senator Mary Kay Papan

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Bill Summary:

HB 291 appropriates \$250,000 from the General Fund to the board of regents of New Mexico State University (NMSU) for expenditure in FY17 for career skills training and workforce development through a pre-college educational program facilitated by NMSU. The bill requires NMSU or a contracting entity on its behalf to provide quarterly progress reports to the Legislative Finance Committee (LFC) and the Legislative Education Study Committee (LESC).

Fiscal Impact:

The bill appropriates \$250,000 from the General Fund to the board of regents of NMSU for expenditure in FY17. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY17 shall revert to the General Fund.

Substantive Issues:

Statute limits LESC study of postsecondary education to teacher training programs at institutes of higher education. However, to the extent the reports required by HB 291 to the LESC impact pre-college secondary education students, the reports may be appropriate.

Related Bills:

HB 78 *NMSU Water Resources Research Institute*

HB 117 *NMSU Cooperative Extension Service*