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AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS - 2025 REGULAR SESSION

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SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION

{Indicate if analysis is on an original bill, amendment, substitute or a correction of a previous bill}

Date Prepared: 24 January 2025 *Check all that apply:*
Bill Number: HB48 Original Correction
 Amendment Substitute

Sponsor: <u>Lundstrom</u>	Agency Name and Code Number: <u>NM Independent Community Colleges 994</u>
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SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY25	FY26	FY27	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total	<\$300.0>	<\$300.0>	<\$300.0>	<\$900.0>	R	Law Enforcement Protection Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates/Conflicts with/Companion to/Relates to:
 Duplicates/Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act

SECTION III: NARRATIVE

BILL SUMMARY

Synopsis: House Bill 48 (HB48) amends 29-13-4.C NMSA 1978, authorizing Western New Mexico University, branch community colleges, and public independent community colleges that offer law enforcement training certified by the law enforcement training academy to receive \$100 thousand for faculty salaries, benefits, instructional materials and other related course expenses.

If there are insufficient funds in the law enforcement protection fund to make the distributions authorized by 29-13-4.C NMSA 1978, the local government division of the department of finance and administration is authorized to reduce allocations.

Section 29-13-7 NMSA 1978 is amended to include spending restrictions for the added post-secondary institutions. Funds authorized to post-secondary institutions in 29.13.4.C NMSA 1978 may only be expended on faculty salaries and benefits, instructional materials and related course expenses for certified law enforcement training conducted by Western New Mexico University, branch community colleges, and public independent community colleges.

HB48 has an effective date of July 1, 2025.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

HB48 authorizes additional distributions from the law enforcement protection fund to law enforcement programs at Western New Mexico University, branch community colleges or independent community colleges that are certified by New Mexico's Law Enforcement Academy. These distributions can be up to \$100 annually per certified, eligible, post-secondary institution.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

Per the Law Enforcement Academy website, it appears there are three certified satellite academies which are run by post-secondary institutions: Central New Mexico Law Enforcement Academy (run by Central New Mexico Community College, Southeastern New Mexico Law Enforcement (run by New Mexico Junior College), and Western New Mexico University Policy Academy. HB48 authorizes distributions of \$100 thousand annually to these institutions for direct program costs.

Local government is authorized to reduce allocations if the funding in the law enforcement protection fund is insufficient to fulfill the authorized distributions. Statute is silent on the methodology to be used in reducing the distributions.