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**AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS  
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**SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION**

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Date 2025-02-10

Bill No: HB338

Sponsor: Sanchez, Joshua A  
Short    HOUSING  
Title:    CONSTRUCTION

Agency Name  
and Code            NMHED  
Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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**SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT**

**APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)**

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY25	FY26		
N/A	750.0	Nonrecurring	General Fund
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

**REVENUE (dollars in thousands)**

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY25	FY26	FY27		

N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

**ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)**

	<b>FY25</b>	<b>FY26</b>	<b>FY27</b>	<b>3 Year Total Cost</b>	<b>Recurring or Nonrecurring</b>	<b>Fund Affected</b>
<b>Total</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

(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**

House Bill 338 (HB338) would appropriate seven hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$750,000) to Northern New Mexico College (NNMC) in FY26 to develop and implement a cost-effective, energy-efficient, and rapid housing construction system and corresponding curriculum.

The New Mexico Higher Education Department's (NMHED) analysis of this bill focuses on the higher education implications of the proposed legislation. Additional insight may be obtained from other agencies' analyses.

**FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

HB338 makes a nonrecurring appropriation of seven hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$750,000). Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY26 reverts to the General Fund.

HB338 is a onetime appropriation, so NNMC would require additional funding to sustain the program in future years.

**SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

HB338 requires NNMC to develop and implement a cost-effective, energy-efficient, and rapid housing construction system and corresponding curriculum.

The curriculum would be the first of its kind in New Mexico.

NMHED oversees higher education institutions (HEIs) in New Mexico, including NNMC. There are programs at other HEIs that may be similar to the intent behind HB338.

One issue is that there are no performance measures to determine the success of the construction system and curriculum. Assuming that both are successful, HB338's appropriation is only for FY26, so it is unclear how the curriculum would be funded in future years.

Another set of issues are related to the administration of the curriculum. The bill does not stipulate what department this curriculum would live in, what credential the curriculum is meant to lead to, if NNMC has the facilities to house a new curriculum, if NNMC would need any renovations to accommodate the curriculum, and if NNMC has faculty who are able to oversee the curriculum. It may be that HB338 intends for this appropriation to allow NNMC time to answer these questions, but the language in the bill is unclear.

For the construction project, there would need to be clearer instructions on what the end product should look like. It may be that the bill intends for NNMC to take on that task, but the current language is unclear.

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#### PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

N/A

#### ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

NNMC may need to hire additional staff and/or faculty to facilitate both the development and implementation of the new construction system as well as the new curriculum.

NMHED may need to provide administrative support and oversight for the new curriculum depending on the type of credential being designed.

NNMC may need to seek degree approval from the Higher Learning Commission (HLC), New Mexico's national accreditation organization, for new degree depending on the type of credential being designed.

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## CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

N/A

## TECHNICAL ISSUES

HB338 is short and does not provide many details. There are a number of assumptions that this analysis makes in trying to understand the intent of the bill. It could help to have further details provided in the bill to clarify the intent.

## OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

N/A

## ALTERNATIVES

N/A

## WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

NNMC would not receive the appropriation to develop a cost-effective, energy-efficient, and rapid housing construction project and corresponding curriculum.

## AMENDMENTS

N/A