



shares representation of Northern New Mexico College and Western New Mexico University with the Council of University Presidents.

NMICC institutions train students in science, engineering, technology, and mathematics. We work closely with employers in our communities, coordinating with them to ensure our students are equipped to meet their needs. It is unclear in SB107 how NMICC institutions would be integrated into this proposed network. Based upon New Mexico higher education department fall 2024 headcount, NMICC institutions train over 37% of our students. Looking at only the 8 community colleges and NM Military Institute, we train over 33%. It appears as though SB107 excludes a significant population of New Mexico students.

SB107 emphasizes institutions and industry partner collaboration. It is not clear if the funds appropriated to the public education department would be distributed to community colleges to support our students and our collaborations with industry partners.

It is unclear why New Mexico State University is selected as the principal hub as many of New Mexico's post-secondary institutions are leaders in science, mathematics technology, and engineering.