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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}

Click all that apply:

Original Amendment
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Date 2025-02-24

Bill No: SJM3

Sponsor: Lente, Derrick J. Agency Name and Code NMHED
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SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY25	FY26		
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

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY25	FY26	FY27	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total	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

Senate Joint Memorial 3 (SJM3) proposes that the legislature to decree a joint bachelor's program in Elementary Bilingual Multicultural Education. The participating higher education institutions would include the University of New Mexico (UNM), Western New Mexico University (WNMU), New Mexico Highlands University (NMHU), and New Mexico State University (NMSU). The memorial directs the New Mexico Higher Education Department (NMHED) to review and address the need of scholarship opportunities for students pursuing bilingual multicultural education degrees or bilingual multicultural education terminal degrees at New Mexico universities and colleges.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

No appropriation has been identified for UNM, WNMU, NMHU, and NMSU to design and develop a joint bachelor's degree program.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

SJM3 does not define "joint bachelor's degree in elementary bilingual, multicultural education.?" NMHED will need to work closely with the named higher education institutions to develop a definition for the above-mentioned joint bachelor's degree. Currently, there are no bachelor's or

higher degrees in elementary bilingual, multicultural education in New Mexico. NMSU, NMHU, and WNMU offer graduated certificates.

NMSU Global offers a 33-credit-hour program to add a Bilingual Education Endorsement at the master's level to an individual's New Mexico teaching license. NMSU Global offers a 12-credit-hour graduate-level certificate. NMHU offers a 24-credit-hour minor in Bilingual Education/TESOL (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages). UNM offers a 33-credit-hour minor in Bilingual Education at the undergraduate level. This program of study will allow a student to apply for a Bilingual Education Endorsement with their New Mexico teaching license.

In 2015, UNM received funding to design and develop an undergraduate bilingual education degree with NMHU, Eastern New Mexico University (ENMU), NMSU, and WNMU. What is the status of the work that was done with the funding provided in 2015?

NMHED will review and address the need for providing scholarships for individuals who currently hold a bachelor's or master's degree in bilingual education or who graduated from high school with a state seal of bilingualism-biliteracy. NMHED will work with the New Mexico Public Education Department (NMPED) to identify individuals with the seal on their New Mexico Diploma of Excellence.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

SJM3 does not outline or mandate specific performance measures; however, NMHU, NMSU, UNM, and WNMU should develop performance measures in coordination with NMHED.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

Additional staffing may be required to support the development of a joint bachelor's degree in elementary bilingual education with NMHU, NMSU, UNM, and WNMU.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

N/A

TECHNICAL ISSUES

N/A

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

N/A

ALTERNATIVES

N/A

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

IF SJM3 were not passed, the NMHED along with NMHU, NMSU, UNM, and WNMU would not design and develop a joint bachelor's degree in elementary bilingual multicultural education.

AMENDMENTS

N/A