

**.NOTE: As provided in LFC policy, this report is intended for use by the standing finance committees of the legislature. The Legislative Finance Committee does not assume responsibility for the accuracy of the information in this report when used in any other situation.**

**Only the most recent FIR version, excluding attachments, is available on the Intranet. Previously issued FIRs and attachments may be obtained from the LFC office in Suite 101 of the State Capitol Building North.**

**FISCAL IMPACT REPORT**

SPONSOR:	Wilson	DATE TYPED:	01/31/00	HB	
SHORT TITLE:	NMSU Viticulturist			SB	83
				ANALYST:	Pacheco-Perez

**APPROPRIATION**

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY00	FY01	FY00	FY01		
	\$ 100.0			Rec	GF

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

**SOURCES OF INFORMATION**

Commission on Higher Education (CHE)

New Mexico State University College of Agriculture & Home Economics (NMSU)

**SUMMARY**

Synopsis of Bill

This bill appropriates \$100.0 from the general fund to the Board of Regents of the New Mexico State University for a viticulturist in the Cooperative Extension Service to provide technical services to the state's vineyards and wine industry.

Significant Issues

According to NMSU, the grape growing and wine making industry is developing into a significant economic activity.

**FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

The appropriation of \$100.0 contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY01 shall revert to the general fund.

**ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

This bill adds 1.0 FTE.

**OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES**

The CHE recommends that the following language be included for all new recurring higher education programs: "The institution receiving the special appropriation in this bill shall submit a program evaluation to the LFC and the CHE by August 1, 2003 detailing the benefits to the State from having this program implemented for a three-year period."

APP/njw