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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR:	Nava	DATE TYPED:	02/02/00	HB	
SHORT TITLE:	NMSU Distance Master's Degree Program			SB	175
				ANALYST:	Pacheco-Perez

APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY00	FY01	FY00	FY01		
	\$ 225.0			Recurring	GF

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Commission on Higher Education (CHE)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

This bill appropriates \$225.0 from the general fund to the Board of Regents of the New Mexico State University for the purpose of establishing a new distance education master's degree program in learning technologies, including faculty expenses and acquiring course supplies and computer equipment.

Significant Issues

According to the CHE, this bill would create a new student cohort-based master's level degree program in the College of Education to prepare teachers to integrate new technologies into the teaching and learning process.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$225.0 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 would add 4.0 FTE to NMSU.

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