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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 1/21/06

SPONSOR Garcia, M.H. LAST UPDATED _____ HB 169

SHORT TITLE NMSU Enlace Program SB _____

ANALYST Earp

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY06	FY07		
	\$300.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates: Senate Bill 35

Relates to: Senate Bill 36 and House Bill 209

Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Higher Education Department (HED)

NMSU – Southern NM ENLACE

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 169 appropriates a \$300,000 from the general fund to support the Engaging Latino Communities for Education (ENLACE) program at New Mexico State University (NMSU).

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$300,000 contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2007 shall revert to the general fund.

For fiscal year 2006, the NMSU ENLACE program received one-third of a \$712,500 appropriation to the Higher Education Department for ENLACE programs in Chapter 34, Laws of 2005

(Senate Bill 190). The Legislative Finance Committee funding recommendation for fiscal year 2007 has included the \$712,500 as a component of a block-grant appropriation to HED for special project expansion. The Executive also recommends continued funding at the \$712,500 level as a line-item appropriation to HED. Therefore, approval of this bill would likely result in the augmentation of the fiscal year 2007 funding proposed for ENLACE in HB 2.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The appropriation contained in this bill is intended to help sustain the southern New Mexico ENLACE partnership established through a W.K. Kellogg Foundation grant as briefly described below. The implementation grant ended with the 2004-05 fiscal year.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

Senate Bill 35 and House Bill 169 are duplicate measures.

This bill relates to Senate Bill 36 and House Bill 209. These are duplicate Legislative Education Study Committee-sponsored bills that propose funding in the amount of \$1,200,000 for the three ENLACE partnerships in New Mexico. Some \$400,000 of this total would be appropriated to NMSU.

This bill also relates to a proposed line-item appropriation in the General Appropriation Act for ENLACE programs as noted in the fiscal implications section of this report.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

ENLACE is a multi-year initiative to strengthen the educational pipeline and increase opportunities for Latinos to enter and complete college. By 2007, the W.K. Kellogg Foundation is expected to invest more than \$35 million in the ENLACE initiative. The three New Mexico ENLACE partnerships, including the one at NMSU, are among 13 that have been established in seven states.

ENLACE has evolved in three phases. In Phase 1, eighteen higher education institutions received one-year planning grants of \$100,000 to respond to the needs of students and families by developing action plans based on best practices as well as local contexts. For Phase II, thirteen partnerships received grants ranging from \$1.4 million to \$2 million to implement their plans over four years. Implementation funding ended with the 2004-05 school year. A third phase will seek to sustain promising practices and ENLACE principles for the benefit of more Latino communities and underserved student populations.

This legislation would provide state general fund support to replace the Kellogg funding for the ENLACE partnership at New Mexico State University. This program serves students at Santa Theresa and Mayfield high schools.

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