

**LEGISLATIVE EDUCATION STUDY COMMITTEE  
BILL ANALYSIS**

**Bill No: HB 138**

**48th Legislature, 1st Session, 2007**

**Short Title: NMSU Alliance for Advancement of Teaching**

**Sponsor(s): Representative Mary Helen Garcia**

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**Bill Summary:**

HB 138 makes an appropriation from the General Fund to the Board of Regents of New Mexico State University (NMSU) to fund P-20 activities of the Alliance for the Advancement of Teaching and Learning in FY 08.

**Fiscal Impact:**

\$200,000 is appropriated from the General Fund to support the P-20 activities of the Alliance in FY 08. Unexpended funds shall revert to the General Fund at the end of FY 08.

**Issues:**

The Alliance for the Advancement of Teaching and Learning at NMSU is a service of the College of Education, Distance Learning Department. They provide technical assistance for educators.

The website of the Alliance for the Advancement of Teaching and Learning provides the following information about the organization.

The mission of the Alliance for the Advancement of Teaching and Learning is to collaboratively contribute to the success of children throughout New Mexico and the educators who serve them.

The vision of the Alliance will be to serve as a catalyst for improved education for teachers as well as children and families, particularly those in southern New Mexico and collaborate with appropriate partners to meet the diverse needs of our children.

The Alliance was formed at NMSU three and one-half years ago to provide technical assistance to school districts in the southern part of the state and to make it possible for districts in that region to share high school coursework through interactive technologies. Funding in the past has been provided by the College of Education at NMSU. An endowed chair in the College of Education is designated for the director of the Alliance. Participating school districts also contribute support and the Alliance has a partnership for leadership development through the Wallace Grant, which was awarded to the Office of Education Accountability (OEA). The Wallace Foundation supports innovative projects through grants at the state and school district levels to advance student achievement by improving school leadership. Recently the Alliance has offered technical assistance to principals in understanding and exploring student achievement data through an agreement with the OEA. Assistance is offered by phone, e-mail, Centra On-Line, and similar methods.

**Related Bills:**

SB 24 *NMSU Science, Technology & Math Programs*

SB 25 *NMSU Alliance for Advancement of Teaching* (identical)

SB 42 *Alliance for Advancement of Teaching*