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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

**SPONSOR** Tyler **ORIGINAL DATE** 2/8/07 **LAST UPDATED** 2/15/07 **HB** 640/aHEC  
**SHORT TITLE** Lea County 4-H Programs **SB** \_\_\_\_\_  
**ANALYST** Guambaña

### APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY07	FY08		
	\$300.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Conflicts with HB 602 and relates to SB 60

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

#### Responses Received From

Higher Education Department (HED)

New Mexico State University-College of Agriculture and Home Economics (NMHU-CAHE)

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of HEC Amendment

The House Education Committee amendment to HB 640 substitutes the words “New Mexico” for the words “Lea County.” The appropriation, for expenditure in FY 2008, is to support 4-H programs throughout the state

House Bill 640/aHEC now provides \$300,000 for statewide 4-H programs. House Bill 602 provides \$100,000 for a 4-H outreach program and SB 60 provides \$500,000 for the same outreach program.

#### Synopsis of Original Bill

House Bill 640 appropriates \$300,000 from the General Fund to the Board of Regents of NMSU to support 4-H programs in Lea County.

**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 FY08 shall revert to the General Fund.

Per HED, this proposal was submitted to the Department by NMSU and was not included in their funding recommendation for FY08.

HED also asserts that NMSU's Cooperative Extension Service and 4-H Youth Development was the recipient of four federal grants totaling \$2,542,815 over a five-year period beginning in 2001 to establish 4-H Outreach Agencies in 14 counties in New Mexico. These were three-year grants and the funding is being completed this year.

**SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

NMHU-CAHE states that the principal objective of this request will focus on providing 4-H outreach programs to underserved youth in eight selected counties impacting an estimated 5000 students per year. NMSU 4-H Youth Development Program staff will provide teachers or classroom volunteers with experiential learning lessons and activities that are aligned to New Mexico educational standards and benchmarks. In addition to the school classroom, NMSU 4-H Youth Development professionals will provide educational, hands on activities and programs in out of school settings throughout the counties to encourage the academic performance and workforce preparation among vulnerable youth in New Mexico. More than 74,000 of New Mexico's youth were involved in life skill education through 4-H, thereby qualifying 4-H as the largest youth development program in the State.

**CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP**

Relates to Senate Bill 60 which appropriates \$500,000 from the General Fund to the Board of Regents of NMSU to pay for a 4-H outreach program.

Conflicts with House Bill 602 that appropriates \$100,000 from the General Fund to the Board of Regents of NMSU for a 4-H Outreach Program.

**OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES**

HED and NMSU-CAHE jointly maintain that the 4-H Program is involved in partnerships with volunteers throughout New Mexico. Last year 5,220 adult 4-H volunteers contributed more than 260,000 hours of volunteer service to the youth of the state. Had that service been provided by paid staff, it would have cost \$4,690,400.

Per NMSU-CAHE, the NMSU 4-H Engagement in Youth and Education initiative is a ten year plan with a projected budget requirement of \$10 million. The first four years have focused on after school programs. This funding request is for the second objective of the initiative which is devoted to Core Curriculum Enhancement.

**POSSIBLE QUESTIONS**

Analysis by both HED and NMHU-CAHE for House Bill 640 and House Bill 602 were identical submissions, however noteworthy discrepancies exist in the areas of requested appropriations as well as in the titles of each bill. The narrative of each bill states that each respective request will provide outreach programs in eight counties, yet House Bill 602's title identifies the expenditures to be devoted to Lea County exclusively. Is it intended that these will differences be reconciled?

AG/mt