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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 2/19/07

SPONSOR Gutierrez LAST UPDATED _____ HB 1127

SHORT TITLE NMSU College Assistance Migrant Program SB _____

ANALYST Leger

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY07	FY08		
	\$200.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates,
HB 142, SB 27

Relates to,
SB 858

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

New Mexico Higher Education Department (HED)
New Mexico State University (NMSU)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 1127 appropriates \$200 thousand from the general fund to the board of regents of New Mexico State University (NMSU) for the purpose of a college assistance migrant program (CAMP).

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$200 thousand 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.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The appropriation within HB 1127 would be used for book and supply stipends for CAMP alumni students and tutoring services to help students excel in academic courses. In addition, CAMP indicates it is understaffed and in need of additional resources for a full-time outreach coordinator, administrative assistant, and retention advisor.

The CAMP program is approaching the end of its fifth year and final budget period. The program foresees a shortage of funds for the 2007-2008 academic year. The CAMP program will be reapplying for federal funding in February 2007 for continuation for another five years but the determination of the award will not be known until at least October 2007.

This request was submitted to HED by NMSU and was not included in the department's funding recommendation for FY08.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

Since its inception in 2002, NMSU CAMP reports it has served 116 students from various locations in New Mexico. NMSU CAMP serves primarily New Mexican local migrant and seasonal farm workers and their families and fulfills the overall goals and objectives of the Office of Migrant Education. The programs retention rate is 80 percent, higher than NMSU's retention rate. In May 2007, NMSU will graduate NMSU CAMP students with various degrees ranging from Electrical Engineering to Criminal Justice. NMSU reports one key aspect of the program is that it is a multi-disciplinary in scope and CAMP students represent all majors at NMSU.

It is estimated that at least 111 students will be part of the CAMP program next academic year.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

HB142 & SB 27 are duplicate bills and appropriate \$200 thousand to CAMP.
SB 858 proposes statutory status for CAMP and appropriates \$200 thousand to the program.

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