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# FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

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SHORT TITLE		NMSU Public School Hospitality Initiative			SB	24
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## **APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)**

Appropr	iation	Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected	
FY08	FY09			
	\$250.0	Recurring	General Fund	

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

### **SOURCES OF INFORMATION**

LFC Files

Responses Received From
Higher Education Department (HED)
Tourism Department (TD)
New Mexico State University (NMSU)

#### **SUMMARY**

## Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 36 appropriates \$250.0 from the general fund to the Board of Regents of New Mexico State University to implement a hospitality and tourism education initiative statewide in public schools.

### FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$250.0 contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2009 shall revert to the general fund.

This request was submitted by NMSU to the New Mexico Higher Education Department for review but is not included in the Department's funding recommendation for FY09.

The HED's evaluation table of FY09 Research and Public Service Projects provided to the LFC classifies this project as a "breach" of the Higher Education Formula. Reasons for this classification decision are not provided. (LFC Report 07-20, Higher Education Department Review of Selected Research and Public Service Projects, January 12, 2008, Table 4, p74.)

## **SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

The program that would be supported by this appropriation is known as the ProStart program. According to NMSU, the purpose of the ProStart program is to teach both culinary essentials and basic foodservice management, preparing students to continue their education and fill the need of skilled managers within the food service industry. ProStart is a career building program that gives high school students a taste for success in the restaurant and foodservice industry by blending both classroom learning and work experience.

NMSU states further that the ProStart program, developed by the National Restaurant Association Educational Foundation (NRAEF), is a nationwide system of high school restaurant and foodservice courses linked with mentored worksite experiences. The ProStart program is comprised of state-driven industry and educational partnerships throughout the country, and it exists as the national umbrella organization for restaurant and foodservice career education. In New Mexico, the ProStart Program is managed by the Hospitality Industry Education Foundation. In New Mexico 43 high schools have purchased the curriculum and 28 actively participate in the program involving over 1,200 students.

The Hospitality Industry Education Foundation provides professional development and orientation for ProStart teachers, responds to inquiries regarding implementation of the program, provides assistance with connections to industry, job placement, setting up advisory boards and securing worksites. When students meet academic standards, complete a checklist of competencies and participate in at least 400 hours of a mentored work experience, they are awarded the ProStart National Certificate of Achievement that signifies they are well qualified to enter the industry workforce or continue their education at a post-secondary level. The ProStart program currently has articulation agreements with over 60 post-secondary institutions nationwide.

NMSU states that the following NM high schools currently offer the ProStart Program.

Alamogordo	Bernalillo	Carlsbad	Cliff	Cloudcroft	Cobre	Farmington
Gadsden	Gallup	Hatch	<b>Hot Springs</b>	Kirtland	Las Cruces	Lordsburg
Los Alamos	Los Lunas	Lovington	Mayfield	Onate	Pojoaque	Portales
Rio Rancho	Roswell	Ruidoso	Santa Fe	Silver	Socorro	Taos

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