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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 01/24/13

SPONSOR Hall LAST UPDATED 02/22/13 HB 109

SHORT TITLE NMSU Adult 4-H Training SB _____

ANALYST Roberts

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY13	FY14		
	\$5.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates an appropriation in the General Appropriation Act, Higher Education, New Mexico State University, Cooperative Extension Service

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Higher Education Department (HED)
New Mexico Department of Agriculture (NMDA)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 109 appropriates \$5 thousand dollars from the general fund to the Board of Regents of New Mexico State University for the purpose of a Cooperative Extension Service to pay for a meeting room and workshop materials for 4-H adult volunteer leaders statewide to learn how to assist 4-H students with their 4-H projects.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

House Bill 2 includes a \$5 thousand general fund appropriation to the Cooperative Extension Service for training adult 4-H volunteers to better assist 4-H students with projects.

The appropriation of \$5 thousand contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2014 shall revert to the general fund.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The NMDA notes that these trainings are vital in support of 4-H youth development in New Mexico. The 4-H youth development program is a part of the Cooperative Extension Service (CES) of NMSU. The success of the 4-H program is based on the learning opportunities these volunteer adult 4-H leaders have to improve their skills in working with 4-H youth members.

The adult 4-H leaders receive no monetary pay.

The HED cites that this proposal would enable the extension service to provide training programs at the county level and provide training materials and workshop materials for 4-H students to complete various agricultural projects.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

The Board of Regents of the New Mexico State University would be responsible for administering the funds to the NMDA to develop and promote farmers' markets in New Mexico.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

The NMDA notes that the New Mexico 4-H adult forum provides training to New Mexico 4-H leaders from across the state to support 4-H educational programs. Adults and youth spend time together, learning new skills, developing hidden talents, making new friends and having fun. There is flexibility to fit a variety of interests. Members gain skills in leadership, citizenship, public speaking and more. Adult 4-H Leaders work and learn with young people. The goal of 4-H is to help young people develop as individuals and as responsible and productive citizens in their communities.

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