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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 01/30/13
 SPONSOR Rodriguez LAST UPDATED 02/27/13 HB _____
 SHORT TITLE NMHU Intercollegiate Wrestling SB 208
 ANALYST Roberts

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY13	FY14		
	\$500.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From
 Higher Education Department (HED)

No Response Received From
 New Mexico Highlands University (NMHU)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 208 appropriates \$500 thousand dollars from the general fund to the board of regents of the New Mexico Highlands University for the purpose of funding an operational support of the intercollegiate wrestling program.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The HED notes NMHU's intercollegiate athletics program which, includes wrestling, was submitted to HED for a total amount of \$2,154,100, a \$300 thousand increase over FY13 general fund levels. The men's wrestling program currently receives \$110,810 in the general fund revenues under NMHU's athletics appropriation.

House Bill 2 includes a general fund amount of \$1.817 million, including wrestling. If HB 2, as passed by the House, and SB 208 are enacted, the athletics program would receive a total FY14

general fund appropriation of \$2.317 million, including a total \$610.8 thousand for wrestling.

The appropriation of \$500 thousand dollars contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. While the bill states that any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2014 shall revert to the general fund, an appropriation for this existing program is considered nonreverting funding under Section 4 of the General Appropriation Act unless explicitly stated otherwise.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The university supports increases in general fund revenues for its athletics programs, including wrestling. The NMHU hosts the state's only collegiate wrestling program.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

HED will be the administrator for these funds involving receipt, disbursement and tracking to NMHU. The board of regents of New Mexico Highlands University would then be responsible for using the funds to support the intercollegiate wrestling program.

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