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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

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SHORT TITLE Northern New Mexico State School Regents SJR 7

ANALYST Hartzler-Toon

### APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY13	FY14		
	NFI	N/A	N/A

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

### ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY13	FY14	FY15	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
<b>Total</b>		\$46.0		\$46.0	Nonrecurring	Secretary of State Operating

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### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

#### Responses Received From

Higher Education Department (HED)

Northern New Mexico College

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Resolution

Senate Joint Resolution 7 (SJR 7) proposes to amend Article 12, Section 13 of the Constitution of New Mexico to change the Board of Regents of Northern New Mexico State School (now named Northern New Mexico College) by filling one regent position with a student. The student term would be for two years, while other regents' terms are six years.

The question would be submitted to voters in the next general or special election.

**FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

SJR 7 makes no appropriation.

The estimated additional operating budget impact of \$46 thousand reflects the experience of the Secretary of State's Office for the cost of placing a constitutional amendment on an election ballot.

**SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

Under Article 12, Section 13 of the Constitution, the Northern New Mexico State School had been exempted from a student body member regent. The SJR 7 would provide for a student to join the Northern New Mexico State School Board of Regents, similar to other boards of regents for other institutions of higher learning.

**TECHNICAL ISSUES**

The Northern New Mexico State School, as included in the Constitution, is now referred to as Northern New Mexico College. Should SJR 7 pass, clarifying language on the ballot may be required.

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