

**LEGISLATIVE EDUCATION STUDY COMMITTEE
BILL ANALYSIS**

Bill Number: HB 567

52nd Legislature, 1st Session, 2015

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Short Title: Name UNM Telehealth Center for Rep. Easley

Sponsor(s): Representative Brian Egolf and Others

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Bill Summary:

HB 567 proposes to name the telehealth center at the University of New Mexico the “Stephen Easley Telehealth Videoconferencing Center,” in honor of Representative Easley, who died in office August 14, 2013.

Fiscal Impact:

HB 567 does not contain an appropriation.

Background:

Representative Stephen Easley, born in 1952, received his bachelor’s degree from Purdue University, and his masters’ degree, and doctorate in biological anthropology from Washington University. Representative Easley owned and operated an information technology services company, and served the people of New Mexico in several capacities during his time in state government, including his tenures as State Chief Information Officer, as well as Chief Information Officer for the New Mexico Department of Homeland Security, the Department of Public Safety, and the Department of Workforce Development and Training. Prior to his time in the Legislature, Representative Easley served three years on the Alamogordo City Commission and two years as the chair of the Otero County Democratic Party. Representative Easley was elected to the New Mexico State House of Representatives in 2011, and passed away, in office, August 14, 2013.

Committee Referrals:

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Related Bills:

None as of March 1, 2015.