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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Soules ORIGINAL DATE 1/29/18
LAST UPDATED _____ HB _____
SHORT TITLE Las Cruces Enlace Partnership Program SB 174
ANALYST Amacher

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY18	FY19		
	\$110.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

No Response Received From
Public Education Department (PED)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 174 appropriates \$110 thousand from the general fund to the Public Education Department for expenditure in FY19 for the Las Cruces Public School District to support a partnership program Engaging Latino Communities for Education (ENLACE). Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY 19 shall revert to the general fund. If enacted, the effective date of this legislation is May 16, 2018.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$110 thousand contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY19 shall revert to the general fund.

The Legislative Finance Committee recommended flat funding for this program for FY18.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

Engaging Latino Communities for Education (ENLACE) programs aim to increase student success in literacy, student leadership, academic planning and achievement and in so doing

increasing overall GPA and graduation rates. In addition to engaging students academically, the program offers support to schools in meeting the needs of multi-cultural, multi-lingual, and low-income students in the class room. This helps to ensure a stronger foundation for the students and increases graduation and transition rates into higher education. Currently, the Clovis Community College, the New Mexico State University (NMSU), the Santa Fe Community College (SFCCC), the San Juan College (SJC), and the University of New Mexico (UNM) have many collaborative programs empowering New Mexico students in academic and professional achievements.

The Las Cruces Public Schools (LCPS) hopes to include ENLACE into the curriculum in more high schools throughout the school district. Currently the program has operated at two high schools since 2000 with two more high schools participating in the next school year.

The last appropriation to ENLACE was in the General Appropriation Act of 2010 for \$72.9 thousand.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

As reported in years past by the Legislative Education Study Committee, ENLACE was created as a pilot project in 1999 by the W.K. Kellogg Foundation to increase access and success in education. New Mexico was awarded funding to support three original sites based at NMSU, SFCC, and UNM. Additional funding was provided in 2001 to eventually expand ENLACE New Mexico to five regions leading to additional partnerships with Clovis Community College, Eastern New Mexico University, New Mexico Highlands University, Northern New Mexico College, and SJC. The ENLACE Statewide Collaborative focuses on student access and success, family and community engagement, leadership and professional development, and policy development. ENLACE provides coaching, mentoring, and tutoring to increase retention and to promote graduation at elementary, middle, and high schools. ENLACE is also involved in many student success initiatives to increase retention and to promote graduation in higher education. Furthermore, there is an ENLACE legislative internship, and ENLACE Ambassador Program, and a variety of other collaborative leadership and professional development initiatives involving students, families, and community leaders.

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