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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Brown ORIGINAL DATE 2/07/2020
LAST UPDATED _____ HB 296
SHORT TITLE Student Prep for STEM Careers SB _____
ANALYST Hawker

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY20	FY21		
	\$250.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Higher Education Department (HED)

New Mexico Institute for Mining & Technology (NMIMT)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 296 appropriates \$250 thousand from the general fund to New Mexico Institute for Mining & Technology (NMIMT) for mathematics, engineering and science pre-college programs that prepare students for college and careers in mathematics, engineering, science or technically related fields through after school and summer enrichment.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$250 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 2021 shall revert to the general fund.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

New Mexico Mathematics, Engineering and Science Achievement (NM MESA or simply MESA) is a pre-college program that prepares students for college and careers in mathematics, engineering, science or technically related fields. MESA supports student programs in middle and high schools throughout New Mexico. MESA students participate in math, science and

engineering activities which include field trips, speakers, workshops, academic competitions, community service, and leadership development projects. Additionally MESA has awarded over \$130 thousand in merit based financial aid.

MESA is coordinated through six regional offices which are hosted at a local higher education institution: University of New Mexico, Highlands University, UNM Gallup, New Mexico State University, Santa Fe Community College, and Eastern New Mexico University Roswell.

According to NMIMT’s fiscal year 2021 budget expansion request submitted to HED, the funding contained in HB296 would be used as shown in the following table:

Proposed Use of Funds	Budget (000s)
MESA at 10 additional schools, hire a staff member to support	\$150.0
Statewide Professional Development Conference	\$45.0
Computer Science Teaching training to 18 teachers	\$25.0
Conduct/Update Longitudinal Study	\$20.0
Increase student team participation in NMIMT’s Invention and Entrepreneurial Workshop & Wolves Den competition	<u>\$10.0</u>
Total:	<u>\$250.0</u>

Source: HED HB296 FIR

NMIMT submitted an expansion request of \$250 thousand to HED for consideration in HED’s fiscal year 2021 funding recommendation. HED recommended flat funding.

TECHNICAL ISSUES

HB296 contains reversion language, where unexpended balances from the appropriation revert to the general fund. Higher education institutions, which includes NMIMT, do not revert unexpended balances.

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