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# **AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS - 2025 REGULAR SESSION**

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### **SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT**

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

	FY25	FY26	FY27	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total	Indeterminate	Indeterminate	Indeterminate		

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

### **SECTION III: NARRATIVE**

#### **BILL SUMMARY**

Synopsis: House Bill 89 (HB89) amends the graduate scholarship act requiring award recipients:

- to be New Mexico residents,
- provides priority to students who are from groups underrepresented in graduate education.
- have earned a bachelor's degree with a minimum 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale or is employed by a higher education institution in a position supporting faculty in either teaching or research activities.
- be enrolled in at least 6 credit hours
- and comply with rules adopted by the higher education department.

So long as the scholarship recipient maintains a minimum 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale, the recipient can continue to receive the scholarship until the recipient receives a terminal degree or has received 8 semesters of the graduate scholarship, whichever occurs first.

HB89 sets the graduate scholarship award amount to not exceed 100% of tuition and fees for the graduate program at their institution.

The graduate scholarship is terminated if the student fails to maintain the required GPA and other scholarship qualifications.

HB89 also cleans up statutory language.

### FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

HB89 does not contain an appropriation. It amends the qualifications for the graduate scholarship act.

## **SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

HB89 contains statutory cleanup and amends qualifications for graduate scholarships. This bill removes the unpaid internship or assistant requirement.

## **OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES**

HB89 does not apply to most NMICC institutions. Of all 11 institutions, only WNMU offers graduate degrees.