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(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

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

	<b>FY25</b>	<b>FY26</b>	<b>FY27</b>	<b>3 Year Total Cost</b>	<b>Recurring or Nonrecurring</b>	<b>Fund Affected</b>
<b>Total</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Duplicates/Conflicts with/Companion to/Relates to:

Duplicates/Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act:

**SECTION III: NARRATIVE**

**BILL SUMMARY**

House Bill 459 (HB459) relates to education and research. It makes an appropriation to the New Mexico Higher Education Department (NMHED) for a program at the Institute of American Indian Arts (IAIA) for research into and education and outreach about pollinators to support a healthy habitat and conservation. HB459 is pursuant to House Memorial 33 of the second session of the fifty-sixth legislature.

**FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

HB459 appropriates one million five hundred thousand dollars (\$1,500,000) from the General Fund to NMHED for expenditure in FY26-28. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY28 shall revert to the General Fund.

**SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

HB459 is for research into and education and outreach of pollinators to support a healthy habitat and conservations of pollinators in a way consistent with recommendations makes in the report prepared pursuant to House Memorial 33 (HM33) passed in the 2024 legislature and signed into law.

House Memorial 33 (HM33) was a memorial requesting the New Mexico Department of Agriculture to convene a working group to consider acceptance of a pollinator protection plan as proposed by the New Mexico Beekeepers Association and assess ways to protect pollinators through community education, an outreach and data collection.

The monies appropriated to NMHED are to be used for a program at the Institute of American Indian Arts for FY26-28 and shall be for indirect costs necessary to administer the programs.

NMHED and IAIA would need to educate themselves on the recommendations for continual assessment generated by HM33 in order to understand the expectations to work collaboratively with IAIA and to develop performance measures. HM33 requested the working work to report its recommendations to the appropriate interim legislative committees dealing with conservation and environmental issues by October 1, 2024.

#### PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

HB459 does not outline specific performance measures; however, if funded IAIA should develop performance measures in coordination with NMHED.

#### ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

IAIA would provide the research and education and outreach for this program.

NMHED will administer these funds involving receipt, disbursement, and tracking to IAIA.

#### CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

Relates to House Memorial 33 (HM33) passed and signed into law in the 2024 regular session of the New Mexico Legislature.

#### TECHNICAL ISSUES

N/A

#### OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

HB459 does not address the role of the New Mexico Beekeepers Association should or could have in the research into and education and outreach about pollinators to support a healthy habitat and conservation of pollinators. The New Mexico Beekeepers Association was part of the working group established in HM33 of the 2024 regular legislative session.

#### ALTERNATIVES

N/A

#### WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

If HB459 were not passed, then \$1,500,000.00 would not be appropriated from the General Fund to NMHED for this program IAIA.

AMENDMENTS

N/A