

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

SB60 appropriates \$1.25 million to ped for a pilot project in water management and conservation.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

SB60 is an opportunity to build greater relationships between secondary and post-secondary education within our communities. Many NMICC institutions offer training, certificates, associate degrees in various aspects of sustainability studies. Examples include Santa Fe Community College's *water & wastewater operations* and *sustainable technologies* programs, San Juan College's Energy Center of Excellence provides training in *water security and sustainability*, Northern New Mexico College has *environmental science*.

ALTERNATIVES

Funds could be appropriated to PED and the higher education department, stipulating secondary and post-secondary institutions work collaboratively together to develop the pilot high school curriculum, utilizing the expertise of New Mexico's community college faculty.