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**AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS
2025 REGULAR SESSION**

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SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION

{Indicate if analysis is on an original bill, amendment, substitute or a correction of a previous bill}

Click all that apply:
Original **Amendment**
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Date 2025-01-28
Bill No: SB142

Sponsor: Munoz, George K **Agency Name and Code** NMHED
Short GRID MODERNIZATION **Number:** _____
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SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY25	FY26		
300000	300000	Nonrecurring	Grid Modernization Grant Fund
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY25	FY26	FY27		

N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

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

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates/Conflicts with/Companion to/Relates to:

Duplicates/Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act:

SECTION III: NARRATIVE

BILL SUMMARY

Senate Bill 142 (SB142) adds school districts and charter schools as eligible locations for proposed projects, amends the definition of "grid modernization," and makes an appropriation. This is an amendment to Section 71-11-1 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 2020, Chapter 15, Section 1).

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

One hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) is appropriated from the grid modernization grant fund to Energy, Minerals, and Natural Resources Department (EMNRD) for expenditure in fiscal years 2025 and 2026. It also appropriates two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) to the Public Regulation Commission (PRC) for expenditure in fiscal years 2025 and 2026. The appropriation amounts are to be utilized by ENMRD and PRC for administration costs incurred by the provisions of section 1 of this act. Any unspent funding shall revert to the grid modernization grant fund.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

N/A

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

The New Mexico Higher Education Department (NMHED) approves all capital projects from higher education institutions (HEIs), including, but not limited to the following: new construction, remodels, renovations, or infrastructure improvements. As a part of this approval process, HEIs are expected to design their projects to meet green screen requirements, current energy codes, and Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) standards, as applicable. Moreover, HEIs are expected to address their adherence to Executive Order 2019-003 (EO), which addresses how the project will integrate climate change mitigation and adaptation processes. In addition, if a formal energy audit has been conducted, the HEI should provide that audit as part of the NMHED assessment. Finally, the project's impact on energy/utility cost reductions is assessed and evaluated. Projects that would be considered as part of the grid modernization grant program would be subject to the established thresholds in the administrative code that governs NMHED project approvals.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

If the HEIs participate in the grid modernization grant program, NMHED would utilize current staff for the review and approval of all capital projects from higher education institutions on any projects brought forward.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

In the 2020 regular session House Bill 233 (HB233), the Energy Grid Modernization Roadmap, was passed and signed into law. In reviewing the New Mexico legislative website for 2025 legislation, there are others bills related to energy and grid technology, but these bills include no mention of HEIs.

TECHNICAL ISSUES

N/A

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

N/A

ALTERNATIVES

N/A

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

HEIs were included in the original bill, therefore, little to no impact would be seen by the HEIs via this amendment.

AMENDMENTS

N/A

