

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

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

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

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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

Senate Bill 268 (SB268) appropriates five million dollars (\$5,000,000) from the General Fund to the Board of Regents of the University of New Mexico (UNM) and the Board of Regents of the New Mexico State University (NMSU) to fund athletics in FY26.

Funding to NMSU is contingent upon the hiring of an athletic director with five years of name, image, and likeness policy experience.

SB268 creates a nonrecurring appropriation, and any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY26 shall revert to the General Fund.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

SB268 appropriates two million five hundred thousand dollars (\$2,500,000) to UNM for athletic expenditures (Sec. 1), and two million five hundred thousand dollars (\$2,500,000) to NMSU for athletic expenditures (Sec. 2).

Funding to NMSU is contingent upon hiring an athletic director with five years of name, image, and likeness policy experience. This is a significant issue and could also have performance implications.

Any unencumbered balance at the end of FY26 reverts to the General Fund. There are no fiscal implications to the New Mexico Higher Education Department (NMHED). Further review is needed by the UNM and NMSU to determine the financial impact of this appropriation.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

SB268 does not outline specific performance measures. More specifically, there are no performance measures to assess how effectively the appropriation addresses outcomes resulting from the contingency outlined in Section 2 of the bill. Further review and consideration from UNM and NMSU are recommended.

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ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation could assist in recruiting and retaining a qualified athletic director for NMSU, as well as retaining the current athletic director at UNM. However, the FY26 nonrecurring appropriation could raise concerns, as it fails to address how these expenditures would be sustained in subsequent years if the initiative proves successful.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

N/A

TECHNICAL ISSUES

N/A

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

N/A

ALTERNATIVES

N/A

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

If SB268 is not enacted, two million five hundred thousand dollars (\$2,500,000) would not be appropriated to UNM for athletic expenditures, and two million five hundred thousand dollars

(\$2,500,000) would not be appropriated to NMSU for athletic expenditures contingent upon hiring a qualified athletic director.

AMENDMENTS

A proposed amendment to SB268 removes the word "athletics" and replaces it with "student athletes." The proposed amendment does not alter the analysis of the bill.