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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}

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Original **Amendment**
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Date 2025-02-13

Bill No: SB346

Sponsor: <u>Brandt, Craig W / Woods, Pat</u>	Agency Name and Code <u>NMHED</u>
Short <u>STATEWIDE CAPITAL</u>	Number: _____
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SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY25	FY26		
1900.00	3800.00	Nonrecurring	GF
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

(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

(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 346 (SB346) authorizes statewide funding for capital improvement projects. Section 4 (Higher Education) specifically appropriates funds for infrastructure upgrades, facility modernization, and related capital projects to enhance educational capacity and operational efficiency at New Mexico's public universities, colleges, and affiliated institutions.

The New Mexico Higher Education Department's (NMHED) analysis of this bill focuses on the higher education implications of the proposed legislation. Additional insight may be obtained from other agencies' analyses.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

SB346 allocates three million eight hundred thousand dollars (\$3,800,000) in non-recurring funding for the two-year fiscal period spanning FY25 and FY26. Any unexpended or unencumbered balances remaining at the close of FY26 will revert to the General Fund.

Under SB346, six hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$650,000) is allocated to NMHED for adult literacy programs in Albuquerque. The remaining funding is distributed as follows:

- Two million seven hundred thousand dollars (\$2,700,000) to the Board of Regents of New Mexico State University (NMSU),

- Five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) to the Regents of Eastern New Mexico University (ENMU), and
- Three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) to the New Mexico Military Institute (NMMI).

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SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

N/A

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

N/A

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

Under SB346, NMHED assumes administrative oversight of six hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$650,000) in non-recurring funding for adult literacy programs in Albuquerque, requiring its Adult Education Division to distribute these funds across six designated programs. NMHED must enforce compliance through a layered monitoring framework, including quarterly data submissions, monthly progress reviews, and on-site audits to ensure alignment with statutory intent.

NMSU would administer the allocated two million seven hundred thousand dollars (\$2,700,000) across four initiatives.

1. New Mexico Department of Agriculture:

- Five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) for youth leadership development programs in Sierra, Socorro, Catron, Grant, Luna, and Eddy counties.
- Three hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$350,000) for youth leadership development chapter programs in Chaves and Eddy counties.

2. Cooperative Extension Service:

- Three hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$350,000) for youth development programs in Chaves and Eddy counties

3. Agricultural Experiment Station:

- One million dollars (\$1,000,000) for funding for agricultural research and innovation.

4. Alamogordo Branch Nursing Program:

- Five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) for the expansion of nursing education and training.

ENMU would administer the allocated five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) for workforce training programs.

NMMI would administer the allocated three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) to be used to support female cadets' softball and golf programs.

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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

Non-allocation of SB346's three million eight hundred thousand dollars (\$3,800,000) would remove proposed funding for NMHED's adult literacy programs, NMSU's youth, agricultural and nursing initiatives, ENMU's workforce training, and NMMI's athletic programs.

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AMENDMENTS

N/A