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PUBLIC EDUCATION DEPARTMENT
BILL ANALYSIS
2025 REGULAR SESSION

SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION

Check all that apply:

Original Amendment
Correction Substitute

Date Prepared: 02/21 /25

Bill No: SB493

Agency Name and Code: PED - 924

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SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY26	FY27		
\$500	None	N/A	GROW

REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY26	FY27	FY28		
None	None	None	N/A	NFA

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY26	FY27	FY28	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total	None	None	None	N/A	Nonrecurring	NFA

Duplicates/Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act: None

SECTION III: NARRATIVE

BILL SUMMARY

Synopsis: Senate Bill 493 (SB493) would designate funds to the KANW educational radio station to purchase equipment and add resources for reporters to cover rural New Mexico news.

The bill does not provide an effective date. Laws go into effect 90 days after the adjournment of the Legislature enacting them, unless a later date is specified. If enacted, this bill would become effective June 20, 2025.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

SB493 would appropriate \$500,000 from the government results and opportunity (GRO) program fund to the Public Education Department for expenditure in FY26 for the KANW educational radio station to purchase equipment and add resources for reporters to cover rural New Mexico news. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY26 would revert to the GRO program fund.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

In a [2022 report](#), data indicates that rural public radio continues to serve as a vital resource for rural Americans by delivering essential information through both broadcast and digital platforms.

[KANW \(89.1 FM\)](#) is a non-commercial public radio station in Albuquerque, New Mexico. KANW is owned and operated by the Albuquerque Public Schools. On weekdays it airs New Mexico music and local public radio programming afternoons and nights, with NPR news programming in the morning, including Morning Edition, Fresh Air, On Point and 1A. Weekends feature New Mexico music, classical music and classic country music, as well as some NPR weekend shows such as The New Yorker Radio Hour, Wait, Wait, Don't Tell Me and The Moth Radio Hour.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

None.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

None.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

None.

TECHNICAL ISSUES

None.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

None.

ALTERNATIVES

None.

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

None.

AMENDMENTS

None.