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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

**SPONSOR** Lujan, B. **ORIGINAL DATE** 03/04/09  
**LAST UPDATED** 03/06/09 **HJM** 72/aHTPWC  
**SHORT TITLE** Rail Runner from Santa Fe to Espanola **SB** \_\_\_\_\_  
**ANALYST** Moser

### ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

|              | FY09 | FY10   | FY11 | 3 Year<br>Total Cost | Recurring<br>or Non-Rec | Fund<br>Affected   |
|--------------|------|--------|------|----------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Total</b> |      | \$50.0 |      | \$50.0               | Nonrecurring            | State Road<br>Fund |

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

#### Responses Received From

New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT)

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of HTPWC amendment Bill

House Transportation and Public Works Committee Amendment to House Joint Memorial 72 provides that the feasibility study to determine possible routes, optimum frequency of trips and potential costs of extending the Rail Runner Express from Santa Fe to Espanola shall be conducted by NMDOT "in partnership with appropriate local government entities and interested private persons." The House Transportation and Public Works Committee Amendment also provides that the study will not commence until sufficient funds have been allocated from local public and private sources to pay for the study and that NMDOT's financial contribution, if any, will be negligible.

#### Synopsis of Original Bill

House Joint Memorial 72 requests the New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT) to develop a plan to fund, design, construct and operate an extension of the Rail Runner Express from Santa Fe to Espanola. It also requires that the plan, when complete, be presented to appropriate legislative interim committees by November 2009 and that a copy be submitted to the library of the Legislative Council Service.

**FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

NMDOT estimates the cost of this study at \$50,000 which is not included in NMDOT's FY 2010 work program or FY 2010 budget request.

**SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

NMDOT indicates that the completion of the feasibility study referenced in HJM 72 would require NMDOT to engage the services of a consulting firm experienced in preparing such feasibility studies.

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