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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 3/4/09

SPONSOR Salazar, N LAST UPDATED _____ HJM 76

SHORT TITLE State Planning and Community Design Office SB _____

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ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY09	FY10	FY11	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
Total		\$0.1	\$0.1		Recurring	Various

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department (EMNRD)
State Personnel Office (SPO)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Joint Memorial 76 requests the Office of the Governor study the feasibility and benefits of establishing a state planning and community design office.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

State agencies will be asked to devote staff time and re-direct resources to support the task force.

SPO notes that at present, New Mexico's planning and financing of infrastructure is disconnected. Planning already occurs through the Public School Facilities Authority; the Higher Education Department, the Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan for local and state capital needs; and DOT's Transportation Improvement Plan for transportation – but each is done in isolation from the others. Coordination is needed to use resources more effectively.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

Querencia-Second Report of the Governor's Task Force on Our Communities, Our Future recommended the establishment of the State Planning and Community Design Office, with the following responsibilities:

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- Conduct an ongoing state strategic planning process to manage, prioritize and coordinate the planning, budgeting and implementation of state level capital outlay needs;
- Coordinate state agency strategic plans and engage relevant agencies in the process;
- Develop an annual state plan to sustain the state strategic plan;
- Acquire and review all local capital improvement plans and provide model form-based codes for walkable neighborhoods, districts and corridors;
- Develop an annual compendium of local infrastructure capital needs; and
- Provide local and regional strategic planning and development assistance.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

The study would assess current conditions and practices relative to planning and coordination among governmental agencies, tribal entities and special districts in the state. The task force would develop a report that includes the necessary steps to move forward with the recommendations of the task force delineated in *Querencia-Second Report of the Governor's Task Force on Our Communities, Our Future*, published January 2007.

HJM76 requires that copies of the memorial be transmitted to the Office of the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor and the Secretary of the Department of Finance and Administration.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

The Office of the Governor would utilize a broadly representative interagency, intergovernmental and private-sector task force to conduct the study.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

The Governor's Task Force on Our Communities, Our Future also assembled a toolkit on five themes it sought to advance:

1. develop more walkable communities with greater choices for mobility;
2. provide more housing opportunities;
3. enhance the environment and natural resources;
4. preserve critical lands; and
5. provide leadership in the livable economy of the future.

SPO notes that from the conclusions reached by *Querencia- Second Report of the Governor's Task Force on Our Communities, Our Future*, it appears the work of the proposed feasibility and benefits study has already been concluded.

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