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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Lopez ORIGINAL DATE 02/06/14
LAST UPDATED _____ HB _____

SHORT TITLE Negotiate for Return of Land Grants SM 32

ANALYST Daly

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY14	FY15	FY16	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total		NFI	NFI			

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to SJM 7

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Department of Finance and Administration (DFA)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Memorial 32 requests the federal government begin negotiations with New Mexico and land grant boards of trustees and commissioners and the land grant council for the return of land grants to displaced and disenfranchised heirs.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

DFA reports no fiscal impact on the state.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

DFA explains that the reason for this memorial is because federal implementation of the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo to date has resulted in some land grant-merced heirs being displaced or forced off their land. Additionally, disenfranchised land grant-merced heirs and individuals who still reside on their land grant-merced have been denied the benefits of holding title to that land.

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