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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Candelaria **ORIGINAL DATE** 02/10/14
LAST UPDATED _____ **HB** _____

SHORT TITLE Land Grant History Museum **SM** 39

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	NFI			

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Department of Finance and Administration (DFA)

Department of Cultural Affairs (DCA)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Memorial 39 requests that New Mexico’s congressional delegation pursue federal funding for a museum dedicated to the history of New Mexico land-grant merced. It also requests the town of Atrisco land grant be considered as the location for a same land grant museum, due to its status as one of the most historic land grants in the state and its central location.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

No immediate fiscal impact is anticipated, although DFA suggests that if federal funding is made available, the State may need to supplement it, as well as fund personnel and operating costs in the future.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

SM 39 cites the language found in Article 2, Section 5 of the New Mexico Constitution, which provides “The rights, privileges and immunities, civil, political and religious guaranteed to the people of New Mexico by the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo shall be preserved inviolate” as providing powerful constitutional protection to the rights of the state’s land grant communities.

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The Atrisco land grant is located in the Atrisco valley, south of Albuquerque, New Mexico. It was established in 1692, and is one of the oldest land grants in the state. It became a political subdivision of the state in 2011.

Although the resolution seeks federal funding for the museum, it also refers to the museum as a state land grant museum, which language suggests the facility may be owned and operated by the state rather than the federal government.

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