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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

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SPONSOR Cisneros **LAST UPDATED** _____ **HB** _____

SHORT TITLE NM Acequia Association 25th Anniversary **SM** 57

ANALYST Thompson

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

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Memorial 57 supports local water management by acequias in New Mexico and commemorates the 25th anniversary of the New Mexico Acequia Association (NMAA).

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

No Fiscal Impact.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The memorial states that acequias and community ditches in New Mexico have created a cultural landscape and way of life centered around local agriculture, water governance and customs of sharing scarce water, as well as holding centuries old form of water governance. The NMAA works towards strengthening acequia governance and water regulation. The memorial also states that acequias and community ditches be recognized for their unique contributions to the culture, history, hydrology, ecology, and agricultural economy of the state of New Mexico.

The memorial also congratulates NMAA on its 25th anniversary and its ongoing work and recognizes the ongoing work by the state engineer with acequias across New Mexico. The memorial also requests that the state engineer continue to work with leadership from the NMAA to expand investment in acequia irrigation infrastructure and facilitate acequias in regional water planning.

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