

Fiscal impact reports (FIRs) are prepared by the Legislative Finance Committee (LFC) for standing finance committees of the NM Legislature. The LFC does not assume responsibility for the accuracy of these reports if they are used for other purposes.

Current and previously issued FIRs are available on the NM Legislative Website (www.nmlegis.gov) and may also be obtained from the LFC in Suite 101 of the State Capitol Building North.

FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 03/19/15

SPONSOR Herrell LAST UPDATED HJM 18

SHORT TITLE Opposition to Sunzia Project SB _____

ANALYST Sanogo

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY15	FY16	FY17	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total	NFI	NFI	NFI			

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates SJM 28

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files
Office of Military Base Planning and Support (OMBS)
NM Renewable Energy Transmission (NMRETA)

SUMMARY

HJM 18 would express the Legislature’s opposition to the construction of the SunZia transmission line, as currently recognized by the BLM. The memorial requests BLM halt any further approval or action related to the SunZia project until the environmental implications and effects on WSMR are addressed.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

No fiscal impacts.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The Office of Military Base Planning and Support (OMBS) argues that the current SunZia transmission line would have a negative impact on the test and evaluation mission at White Sands Missile Range. OMBS finds that the current routing through the northern extension area “sacrifices the unique critical testing capability and has national security implications.”

AIS/bb/je