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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Baldonado ORIGINAL DATE 02/23/15
LAST UPDATED _____ HM 81
SHORT TITLE Study Protecting Wildlife From Drones 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)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files
Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources (EMNRD)
Department of Game and Fish (DGF)

SUMMARY

HM 81 resolves that all state entities with wildlife responsibilities be encouraged to stay aware of changing technologies including drones that may affect wildlife. The memorial also requests that State Parks recommend methods for the protection of wildlife from drones.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

No fiscal impacts.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The state parks division (SPD) of the Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department (EMNRD) reports that it has limited expertise concerning the interaction of drones and wildlife. The agency would be required to consult extensively with other state and federal agencies, such as the Department of Game and Fish (DGF) or the US Bureau of Reclamation. Addressing these concerns, DGF assures that:

The department will also provide assistance to the State Parks Division, if requested, regarding technical, scientific, or biological information needed in developing any future recommendation for the protection of wildlife from drones within State Park properties.

DUPLICATES

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HM 81 duplicates SM 91, and relates to SB 82, “No Use of Drones for Hunting.”

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