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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR	Burt	ORIGINAL DATE LAST UPDATED		
SHORT TITL	E Military Base Plan	ning Office & Board	SE	369/aSPAC
			ANALYST	Clark

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY15	FY16	FY17	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total		(\$12.0)	(\$12.0)	(\$24.0)	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Office of Military Base Planning and Support (OMBPS)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of SPAC Amendment

The Senate Public Affairs Committee Amendment revises the bill to retain the lieutenant governor as a member of the commission, increasing the members from 11 to 12.

Synopsis of Original Bill

Senate Bill 369 changes the authority to appoint the director of the Office of Military Base Planning and Support (OMBPS) from the governor's homeland security adviser to the governor and alters the immediate reporting structure, removing the homeland security adviser and inserting the governor's chief of staff. The bill also changes the makeup of the commission, reducing membership from 17 to 11. The new membership shall consist of nine representatives from the counties, or adjoining counties, in which military bases are located and two representatives appointed at large from other counties.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The bill should decrease the amount of the operating budget necessary for reimbursement of mileage and per diem due to the fewer number of commissioners -- each commissioner receives \$95 per diem for meetings, and mileage costs can easily run to \$200 per individual for each meeting. OMBPS estimates a commission composed of 11 members will save approximately

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\$12 thousand a year in travel costs for commission meetings, depending on how many commission members car pool to the quarterly meetings.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

OMBPS reported it believes a smaller commission can be much more effective and would lend itself to better communication between members. Additionally, a smaller commission is easier to support administratively and logistically. Further, the reorganization of the commission reduces the workload and participation requirements on the lieutenant governor and a cabinet secretary with significant responsibilities.

OMBPS included the following information in its analysis.

The bill reduces the number of community members from 15 to 11 and it further eliminates the membership of the lieutenant governor and the director of homeland security. Originally, when the commission was first organized, it consisted of 15 community members and two state members, the lieutenant governor and the secretary of economic development. In the years prior to the 2005 base realignment and closure round (BRAC), it was then thought that the secretary of homeland security and emergency management could more appropriately contribute to the mission of the commission. As responsibilities have evolved within the state, it has become apparent that a smaller, more community oriented organization can be more effective. The bill provides for community membership from counties adjoining the bases, as well as two atlarge members from other areas of the state. Thus, New Mexico can potentially benefit from the knowledge and experience of two community members who do not happen to live in a county adjoining one of New Mexico's military installations. A collateral benefit of reducing the size of the commission is that the administrative tasks associated with supporting the commission are reduced: travel document preparation, meeting space limitations, communications, and scheduling.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

The administrative support necessary would be reduced with fewer commission members, easing the burden on the director.

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