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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

BILL NUMBER: House Memorial 22

SHORT TITLE: Flood Control District Benefits

SPONSOR: Borrego/Sanchez/Gonzales

LAST UPDATE: _____ **ORIGINAL DATE:** 2/1/2026 **ANALYST:** Hanika-Ortiz

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT* (dollars in thousands)

Agency/Program	FY26	FY27	FY28	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
	No fiscal impact	No fiscal impact	No fiscal impact			

Parentheses () indicate expenditure decreases.

*Amounts reflect most recent analysis of this legislation.

Sources of Information

LFC Files

SUMMARY

Synopsis of House Memorial 22

House Memorial 22 (HM22) advises local and regional governments of the benefits and availability of the Flood Control District Act to help create flood control districts.

The memorial provides the following:

- Communities have experienced significant flood damage in the past few years;
- The potential for flood damage is increased due to wildfires that destroy forests;
- The potential for wildfires has increased because of climate change;
- Flood control districts can help communities prepare for and deal with flooding; and
- The Flood Control District Act (ACT), Chapter 72, Article 18 NMSA 1978, provides a means for the formation of local and regional flood control districts.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

No fiscal impact.

If local and regional governments are given a way to plan, fund and manage flood risks together, this will lower costs to taxpayers over time from not relying on piecemeal emergency repairs.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

HM22 does not carry the force of law, the Association of Counties and Municipal League are only being encouraged to inform their respective groups on the benefits of flood control districts.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

The bill requests that copies of this memorial are to be transmitted to the executive directors of the New Mexico Association of Counties and the New Mexico Municipal League.

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