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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Lente ORIGINAL DATE 2/9/18
LAST UPDATED _____ HM 85

SHORT TITLE Chaco Canyon Landscape Preservation SM _____

ANALYST Martinez

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY18	FY19	FY20	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total		NFI	NFI	NFI	NFI	NFI

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to SM43

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses NOT Received From
Department of Cultural Affairs (DCA)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Memorial 85 seeks to protect and preserve tribal, cultural and historical sites and resources in the greater Chaco Canyon landscape.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

House Memorial 85 does not have a fiscal impact on the Department of Cultural Affairs.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

House Memorial 85 seeks to protect and preserve tribal, cultural and historical sites and resources in the greater Chaco Canyon landscape. This memorial requests that the United States Department of the Interior Bureau of Land Management and Bureau of Indian Affairs adhere to federal statutes, regulations and executive orders supporting the government-to-government relationships the United States has with the Native American nations, tribes, and pueblos of New Mexico.

House Memorial 85 states that the United States Department of the Interior Bureau of Land

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Management and Bureau of Indian Affairs desist from any leasing or issuance of permits without prior tribal consultation in the greater Chaco landscape, until the resource management plan amendment is complete in accordance with federal law. In addition, the memorial resolves that the U.S. Department of the Interior's Bureau of Land Management and Bureau of Indian Affairs defer all leases currently planned for the Farmington oil and gas lease sale, March 2018, until the agencies have completed the Farmington resource management plan Mancos-Gallup amendment.

House Memorial 85 states that the United States Department of the Interior Bureau of Land Management and Bureau of Indian Affairs provide lasting conservation management prescriptions to cultural and historic areas within the greater Chaco region.

House Memorial 85 states that the United States Department of the Interior Bureau of Land Management and Bureau of Indian Affairs, in cooperation with the nations, tribes, and pueblos of northwest New Mexico, conduct a complete ethnographic study of the greater Chaco region.

House Memorial 85 also requests that copies be distributed to the United States Department of the Interior Bureau of Land Management and Bureau of Indian Affairs, Cultural Affairs Department, Indian Affairs Department, Governor, New Mexico congressional delegation, and the appropriate interim legislative committee.

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