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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

**SPONSOR** Cisneros **ORIGINAL DATE** 1/29/19  
**LAST UPDATED** \_\_\_\_\_ **HB** \_\_\_\_\_

**SHORT TITLE** Lineas Issues at Taos-Area Land Grant **SB** 13

**ANALYST** Glenn

### APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY20	FY21		
50.0		Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

### ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY19	FY20	FY21	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
<b>Total</b>		Indeterminate				See Fiscal Implications

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Relates to HB 32, 33, 36, 94 and SB 13, 17, 44

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

#### Responses Received From

New Mexico Attorney General (NMAG)

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 13 appropriates \$50 thousand from the general fund to NMAG to contract for planning and facilitation services to develop options for resolution of lineas issues at Cristobal de la Serna land grant-merced in Taos County. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2020 shall revert to the general fund.

### FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

See Significant Issues, below.

**SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

NMAG states that the lineas issues mentioned in SB 13 were identified in House Joint Memorial 1 adopted during the 2018 legislative session. As described in HJM 1, the issues relate to a plat map drawn by the Taos County Assessor in 1941 for the Cristobal de la Serna land grant-merced.

NMAG states that in response to HJM 1, NMAG held several meetings with the relevant stakeholders. After discussing the relevant issues in these meetings, it became clear that resolving the lineas issues would be a significant undertaking requiring thorough investigation and analysis, and would require resources such as historians, surveyors, and attorneys. NMAG notes that it did not have the budget to procure these resources after the FY19 appropriation to NMAG’s Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo Division was vetoed by former Governor Martinez. See HB 2, 53rd Leg., 2nd Sess. (N.M. 2018).

**ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

According to NMAG, SB 13 may require additional NMAG resources, including staff and attorney time, to procure and oversee the planning and facilitation services identified in the bill.

**CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP**

SB 13 relates to HB 94, which pertains to the definition of land grants and partitioning; HB 32, which pertains to legal services for land grants; HB 33, which expands the authority of the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo Division within the Office of the Attorney General; HB 36, which creates a land grant-merced assistance fund; SB 17, Land Grant Boards Comprehensive Plans; and SB 44, which permits the Department of Transportation to purchase automotive and road equipment for qualified land grants-mercedes.

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