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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR HENRC DATE TYPED 03-09-05 HB HJM45/HENRCS

SHORT TITLE Minimum Recreational Pools of Water SB _____

ANALYST Woods

APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY05	FY06	FY05	FY06		
	NFI				

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

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SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Energy and Natural Resources Committee Substitute for House Joint Memorial 45 – A Joint Memorial to Urge the New Mexico Congressional Delegation to Support Recreation at Heron Lake State Park – notes that

- lake and reservoir storage is a key component of effective water management in the state of New Mexico, especially during times of drought;
- the level of water is directly related to fishing and boating interests, water quality, species reproductive rates, aesthetic and recreational values of parks, lakes and reservoirs, quality of life and the economy of surrounding areas;
- maintaining a permanent conservation or recreational pool at lakes within state parks would protect the natural resources, recreational values, quality-of-life and economic benefits of these state parks;.
- the release and storage of water at state lakes and reservoirs is governed either by state law, federal law, contract, interstate compact or combinations of two or more of the foregoing; and

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- in the case of Heron Lake State Park, existing federal law and bureau of reclamation policies are preventing the storage of additional water from the San Juan-Chama project for longer periods that would benefit recreation and tourism.

With respect to the above factors, House Energy and Natural Resources Committee Substitute for House Joint Memorial 45 resolves that the New Mexico congressional delegation request the Bureau of Reclamation to evaluate the situation at Heron Lake and make recommendations regarding any changes to water management that might improve recreation at Heron Lake state park

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

House Energy and Natural Resources Committee Substitute for House Joint Memorial 45 further resolves that copies of the memorial be transmitted to members of the New Mexico congressional delegation, the Office of the State Engineer and the Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department.

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