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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Youngberg DATE TYPED 2/24/05 HB HJM 81

SHORT TITLE Appoint Committee to Review State Lands SB _____

ANALYST Wilson

APPROPRIATION

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

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

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SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Joint Memorial 81 requests the New Mexico legislative council create a red ribbon committee of legislators to meet in the 2005 interim to review the state's laws and recommend to the second session of the forty-seventh legislature which laws, if any, may have outlived their usefulness or relevance.

Significant Issues

The state's citizen-legislators labor mightily and work diligently to enact laws that properly reflect the current state of affairs and that are relevant to the challenges, problems and conditions facing the public.

Over time, laws that were enacted may lose their relevance but are not repealed because legislators are necessarily more concerned with enacting new laws to address current issues than with repealing obsolete laws.

Examples of laws currently on the books in the state of New Mexico that might be considered by some to be obsolete include a prohibition against dueling, a requirement that communists register with the state and a law allowing those who lose a bet to recover their losses by suing the winner.

The state also prohibits putting pictures of honeybees on imitation honey, dancing for more than twenty-four hours and selling used watches without a "secondhand" label.

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Legislative bodies should periodically review the relevance of prohibitions against spitting on sidewalks, guarantees that women can hold public office and the statutory existence of bicentennial commissions;

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