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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 1/31/07
 SPONSOR Hall LAST UPDATED 2/24/07 HB 204/aHENRC
 SHORT TITLE State Wildlife Management Areas Impact Study SB _____
 ANALYST Earnest

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY07	FY08		
	\$75.0	Non-recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Economic Development Department (EDD)

Department of Game and Fish (DGF)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of HENRC Amendment

The House Energy and Natural Resources Committee (HENRC) amendment changes the appropriation from the Economic Development Department to the New Mexico Department of Agriculture.

Synopsis of Original Bill

House Bill 204 appropriates \$75 thousand from the general fund to Economic Development Department to conduct a study in cooperation with the Department of Game and Fish on the economic impact of state wildlife management areas.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$75 thousand contained in this bill is a non-recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY08 shall revert to the general fund.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The purpose of the study is to determine the local economic impact of state wildlife areas owned, leased, or otherwise subject to control by the state game commission (including community land grants located adjacent to those areas); the income and expenses attributable to state wildlife management areas; and the distribution of elk hunting privileges to persons owning land adjacent to state wildlife management areas.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

The bill requires cooperation between EDD and the Department of Game and Fish. EDD indicates that it would hire a contractor to perform the study.

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