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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

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SPONSOR HEC LAST UPDATED 2/28/2007 HB CS/359/aH AFC

SHORT TITLE Geospatial Resources Act SB \_\_\_\_\_

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

	FY07	FY08	FY09	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
<b>Total</b>		\$300.0	\$300.0	\$600.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates Executive Budget Recommendation FY 08, Information Technology (IT) Appropriation Recommendations

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

#### Responses Received From

New Mexico Department of Higher Education (DHE)  
Office of the Chief Information Officer (OCIO)

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of H AFC Amendment

House Appropriation and Finance Committee amendment for House Education Committee Substitute for House Bill 359 removes the appropriation from the Bill.

#### Synopsis of Original Bill

House Education Committee Substitute for House Bill 359 makes substantial revisions to the original bill, but does not change the original intent or structure of the bill, which is to establish a Geospatial Coordinator in the Office of the Chief Information Officer to work with what is now the Geospatial Resources Clearinghouse (formerly called the Geospatial Resources Office) to be created within and operated by University of New Mexico. Significantly, it reduces the appropriation from \$550,000 to \$150,000 to University of New Mexico for the development and initial operation of the clearinghouse. It also eliminates the Geospatial Resources Advisory Committee which was to have been appointed by the Information Technology Commission.

It adds a section defining “clearinghouse” and “coordinator” as described above, and which defines geospatial as “the synthesis of geographic, demographic, statistical, mapping and other data sets in an electronic format.”

It adds a July 1, 2007 deadline for the coordinator’s development of the Geospatial Information Technology Strategic Plan, with annual updates required by July 1 of each year, and also adds that the coordinator’s duties now include applying for and administering grants.

The clearinghouse is specifically designated a collaborative center for “geospatial maps, images and data and to provide support.” It is now required to ensure compliance with the Public Records Act for geospatial data that originates with a state agency or local government, and make an annual report not only to the Information Technology Commission, but also the Legislative Finance Committee, and an appropriate interim legislative committee. The list of clearinghouse duties is expanded, but is basically similar in type and substance to those duties contained in the original bill. Substitute now goes to HAFC.

### **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

The appropriation of \$300,000 contained in this bill is a 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 OCIO offers that if the bill is enacted, it would statutorily create a GIS coordinator in the Office of the Chief Information Officer. The OCIO suggests that it may be prudent to charge the State CIO, a cabinet level Governor’s appointee with the duties rather than assigning the duties statutorily to the GIS coordinator position. This would enable greater flexibility into the future as Geospatial Technology continues to grow and expand.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

The Bill assigns duties to EDAC to serve New Mexico in a collaborative manner. EDAC will need to coordinate closely with the OCIO to ensure that its efforts are consistent with the Statewide efforts. It may serve the State well to include language that requires Information Technology Certification (approval) of clearinghouse activities, thereby ensuring statewide collaboration and adherence to Statewide technological standards and project management requirements.

### **CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP**

The OCIO submitted to the Governor a “Multi- Agency” C-2 request to fund “Geospatial Coordination Services” some of which are duplicated in HB359 initiatives. The OCIO sponsored request, which has been endorsed and recommended in the Executive Budget, is the result of a collaborative effort and consensus vision of wide ranging stakeholders including Federal, State, County, City, Educational, and private entities. In addition to providing services to support statewide geospatial initiatives, the OCIO request creates a GIS Coordinator position in the OCIO for the State of New Mexico. The OCIO request provides inclusive participation and consensus building among all stakeholders by using existing structures; These include the

OCIO/Geospatial Advisory Committee (GAC) and the Governor's Geospatial Data Acquisition Advisory Committee (GDACC) (Executive Order 2003-018).

The OCIO provides that the Substitute Bill, as written, allows for the development and maintenance of a long-range geographic information system strategic plan, approved by the ITC, and requires the GIS coordinator to update the ITC annually on July 1. The OCIO is already in the process of generating a Geospatial Strategic Plan for the State of New Mexico. This Strategic Plan will follow National Initiatives as set forth by the Federal Geographic Data Committee. Federal funding was secured by the OCIO/Geospatial Advisory Committee to support this first phase.

### **TECHNICAL ISSUES**

The Bill designates the Earth Data Analysis Center (EDAC) at the University of New Mexico to host the Geospatial Resources Office. EDAC currently functions as a clearinghouse for Geospatial Data within the State and is considered a premier and respected operation both within the state and nationally. Any consideration for providing integrated and collaborative geospatial services for state and local requirements should include EDAC. Both the OCIO request and this Substitute Bill correctly reference these services.

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