

Synopsis of Original Bill

House Memorial 60 requests the New Mexico Legislative Council to direct the appropriate committee to review all bill dealing with annexation and prepare recommendations to the Legislature by December 2009.

As requirements driving the need for such a study, the memorial cites the following:

growth and development as significant and controversial issues affecting all New Mexicans, the impact of the expansion of municipal boundaries on agricultural producers, the difficult-to-understand annexation procedures in Section 3-7-17, and the importance of such laws to be comprehensible.

The memorial further resolves that a copy of the memorial be sent to the Legislative Council.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

House Memorial 60 makes no appropriations, however, its passage would require the activities needed for “the appropriate committee to hear testimony from key informed stakeholders” and to “write legislation to clarify municipal annexation authority for consideration by the forty-ninth legislature, second session.” If the Legislative Council does not have the resources to add this to their operations, it is possible that additional funding might be needed.

RELATIONSHIP

House Memorial 60 is related to House Bill 416 as a possible example of annexation legislation. House Bill 416 amends Section 3-7-3 NMSA 1978 to restore the ability of a municipality to annex territory within a class A county with a population of over 300,000 persons without the approval of the board of county commissioners for that county.

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