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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

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 SPONSOR Griego LAST UPDATED 02/23/15 HB _____
 SHORT TITLE Interstate Mining Compact SB 285/ aSCONC
 ANALYST Sanogo

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY15	FY16	FY17	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total	See Narrative	NFI	NFI	NFI		EMNRD Operating Budget

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files
 Interstate Mining Compact Commission (IMCC)
 Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources (EMNRD)
 Attorney General’s Office (AGO)
 Department of Health (DOH)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Senate Conservation Committee (SCONC) Amendment:

The SCONC Amendment deletes from Section 1 of SB 285, “Article I: Findings and Purpose” of the Interstate Mining Compact.

Synopsis of Original Bill:

SB 285 would permit New Mexico to enter into the Interstate Mining Compact (IMC) as a full member:

- Section 1 incorporates the language of the IMC into New Mexico statute. These include articles on the powers of the Interstate Mining Compact Commission (IMCC) and the organization of the IMCC.
- Section 2 permits the Governor to select either the secretary of the Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department (EMNRD) or the director of the mining and minerals division of EMNRD as an alternate to represent the Governor on the Commission.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

No fiscal impacts. As an associate member of the IMCC, New Mexico is currently assessed a membership fee of \$22 thousand per year. According to the financial statements in the 2013

IMCC annual report, the commission received \$556 thousand in revenue from membership dues.

There are 22 full members and four associate members in the IMCC; as a full member, the New Mexico membership fee is expected to be \$22 thousand – a fiscal impact of zero.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

EMNRD reports that IMCC provides a forum for states to discuss significant national and regional issues related to mining. The commission is tasked with formulating and establishing effective programs for the conservation and use of mined land through the establishment of standards and enactment of laws. However:

Full membership will provide New Mexico voting rights on all commission business; associate members have no voting rights. The work of the commission is conducted primarily through committees; only the representatives of full member states can serve as committee chairs.

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