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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Cisneros/James **ORIGINAL DATE** 2/1/16
LAST UPDATED 2/12/16 **HB** _____

SHORT TITLE Advanced Water Mapping & Fund **SB** 30/aSCONC

ANALYST Jorgensen

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

| Appropriation | | Recurring or Nonrecurring | Fund Affected |
|---------------|-----------|------------------------------|------------------|
| FY16 | FY17 | | |
| | \$1,000.0 | Nonrecurring | General |

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Conflicts with SB 224

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Department of Transportation (NMDOT)

Energy, Minerals, and Natural Resources Department (EMNRD)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Original Bill

The Senate Conservation Committee amendment to Senate Bill 30 expands the scope of the proposed advanced mapping to include the Rio Grande trail *and* watersheds.

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 30 appropriates \$1 million in FY17 from the general fund to the newly-created, non-reverting advanced mapping fund to be administered by NMDOT. The new fund will support mapping for the development of the Rio Grande Trail. Funds are authorized for use in FY2017 and subsequent years, though the appropriation is nonrecurring.

The advanced mapping fund will consist of appropriations and donations from state and federal governments, political subdivisions of state or private entities, income from investment of the fund, and money otherwise accruing to the fund.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$1 million contained in this bill is a nonrecurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2017 shall not revert to the general fund.

This bill creates a new fund and provides for continuing administration by NMDOT. The LFC has concerns with including continuing appropriation language in the statutory provisions for newly enacted funds, as earmarking reduces the ability of the legislature to establish spending priorities.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

SB 30 would appropriate \$1,000,000 to the Fund for advanced mapping, to include mapping for segments along the Rio Grande Trail. The Rio Grande Trail project is currently overseen by the Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department (EMNRD) through the Rio Grande Trail Commission (Commission), of which the DOT Secretary is a Commissioner. It would be anticipated that these funds would be used in alignment with planning efforts undertaken by the Commission.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

SB 30 has a conflict with SB 224, which also creates an advanced mapping fund and instead appropriates \$1 million to the fund to be administered by EMNRD for advanced mapping and planning efforts related to the Rio Grande Trail.

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