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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

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LAST UPDATED 3/13/19 HJM 14/aHSEIC
SHORT TITLE New Mexico-Taiwan Relations SB _____
ANALYST Leger

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY19	FY20	FY21	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total	*see fiscal implications					

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

SUMMARY

Synopsis of HSEIC Amendment

The House State Government, Elections and Indian Affairs Committee Amendment to House Joint Memorial 14 strikes language in the memorial encouraging the Governor to visit and lead a trade delegation for Taiwan.

Synopsis of Joint Memorial

House Joint Memorial 14 calls for strengthening relations between New Mexico and Taiwan, supporting the U.S. and Taiwan bilateral trade agreement, and Taiwan's participation in international organizations.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

HJM14 could have a very minimal fiscal impact on the Economic Development Office, Office of International Trade, which would be involved in such activities of those mentioned in the memorial on behalf of the executive.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

According to the memorial, Taiwan was New Mexico's 28-largest export market in 2017, with a total of \$8.06 million in exports; and the bilateral trade between New Mexico and Taiwan has reached \$147.2 million. New Mexico and Taiwan established sister-state relations in 1985,

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resulting in various mutual agreements, including New Mexico's and Taiwan's signing of both a mutual recognition and exchange of driver's licenses without written or road tests and a memorandum of understanding on higher education in 2018.

To reinforce the economic, cultural and tourist relations between New Mexico and Taiwan, the executive branch of New Mexico's government is encouraged to sign an agreement or memorandum of understanding on energy and trade with Taiwan in 2019.

Copies of the memorial should be transmitted to the president of the United States, members of New Mexico's congressional delegation, the U. S. Secretary of State, and the U. S. trade representative.

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