

**NMDOT BILL ANALYSIS  
2024 REGULAR SESSION**

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**SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION**

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Date 1/18/2023

Bill No. HJM 1

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Agency/ Code: NMDOT - 805 - Transit and Rail

Four Corners

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**SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT**

None identified in House Joint Memorial (HJM 1).

**SECTION III: NARRATIVE**

**BILL SUMMARY**

HJM 1 sets forth the need for freight rail service in the Navajo Nation in the Four Corners region and resolves that the New Mexico legislature will urge New Mexico's congressional delegation to support federal regulation to fund the construction a freight rail line pursuant to the needs set forth in HJM 1.

**FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

None identified at this time.

**SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

None identified at this time.

**PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS**

None identified at this time.

**ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

None identified at this time.

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

None identified.

## **TECHNICAL ISSUES**

None identified.

## **OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES**

San Juan County is conducting a feasibility study for a proposed freight railroad connection between the BNSF railroad in McKinley County and the Four Corners region. The study is expected to be completed in 2024.

## **ALTERNATIVES**

None identified.

## **WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL**

The economic issues highlighted in HJM 1 will continue.

## **AMENDMENTS**

None suggested.