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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

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SHORT TITLE	<u>Educational Impact of Federal Land Ownership in NM</u>	SJM	<u>10</u>		
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Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

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SUMMARY

Synopsis of SJM 10

Senate Joint Memorial 10 requests the New Mexico's congressional delegation support and actively work for passage of H.R. 3463 and H.R. 3464, also known as the Action Plan for Public Lands and Education Act of 2005, which would authorize western states to make selections of public land within their borders in lieu of receiving five percent of the proceeds of the sale of public land lying within their borders. Passage of these bills may enable New Mexico to receive federal payments or land that will contribute to education improvement for New Mexico's school children.

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FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

SJM 10 contains no appropriation.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

SJM 10 cites funding inadequacies in New Mexico public schools and attributes funding short comings to large percent of federally owned lands in western states, an average of 52 percent of the land in 13 western states compared to 4 and 1/10th in the other states. The bill asserts that the federal government should compensate western states for the significant impact federal land ownership has on the ability of western states to educate their residents and that just compensation will allow western states to be on equal footing with the rest of the nation in their efforts to provide education for their residents. In support of this argument, SJM 10 indicates that a federal policy change in 1977 has resulted in the western state losing an estimated \$14 billion in lost public education.

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

New Mexico's congressional delegation will not be formally requested to support H.R.3463 and H.R. 3464.

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