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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

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SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department (EMNRD)

Public Education Department (PED)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Joint Memorial 39 recognizes the seventy-fifth anniversary of the New Mexico State Park System in 2008, requests that the Governor proclaim August 31, 2008 as "State Parks Day" in recognition of the diamond jubilee of the New Mexico State Park System, and requests that the diamond jubilee of the New Mexico State Park System be properly observed throughout 2008.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

EMNRD indicates that the New Mexico State Parks System was formally established on August 31, 1933, when Governor Arthur Seligman appointed the first State Park Commission, making New Mexico eligible for federal funds through the New Deal and the Emergency Conservation Work Act. Work on the first four state parks began that year. Since 1933, the New Mexico State Park System has evolved to include 34 parks that serve over four million visitors annually. The State Parks Division (SPD) has considerable plans to celebrate the 75th anniversary throughout 2008 with programs, special events, park improvement projects, and visitor benefits.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

EMNRD adds that enhanced visibility of the New Mexico State Park System with the public during the 75th anniversary year could help the State Parks Division meet its performance measures for visitation and self-generated revenue in FY08 and FY09.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

EMNRD advises that there are no direct administrative implications, and that SPD already has a year-long, 75th anniversary program planned and underway.

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

EMNRD indicates that the 75th anniversary of New Mexico State Parks will not be formally recognized by the New Mexico Legislature.

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