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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 3/7/17
SPONSOR Rodella **LAST UPDATED** 3/10/17 **HM** 88/a

SHORT TITLE ATV Usage For Tourism & Economic Development **SB** _____

ANALYST Martinez

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY17	FY18	FY19	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total		See Fiscal Impact	See Fiscal Impact	See Fiscal Impact	See Fiscal Impact	See Fiscal Impact

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Economic Development Department (EDD)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Business and Industry Committee Amendment

The Business and Industry Committee amendment includes the Department of Game and Fish in the task force to study the economic impact of Off-Highway motor vehicle usage.

The amendment also replaces all instances of the phrase, “off-road recreational all-terrain,” and replaces it with, “off-highway motor”

Synopsis of Bill

The memorial directs the departments of Tourism, Economic Development, Energy, Minerals & Natural Resources, and the State Land Office, to study off-road vehicle recreational usage as a catalyst to increase visitors to the New Mexico. A task force comprised of representatives of these agencies is requested to study the feasibility of creating an expanded trail system in New Mexico. The study is to include the potential for increased usage, the current availability of commercial places to ride all-terrain vehicles (ATVs), the feasibility of developing more trails for ATVs, and the economic impact of additional visitors if more trails are developed. The task force shall develop a comprehensive plan based on its findings and submit the plan to the Legislative Finance Committee no later than November 2017.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

HM88 requires substantial time from all agencies involved to develop a comprehensive plan based on its findings and report its findings and recommendations to the legislative finance committee no later than November 2017.

This will require the departments of Tourism, Economic Development, Energy, Minerals & Natural Resources, and the State Land Office to reprioritize staff time to implement the study that is required.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The Economic Development Department states that November of 2017 may be an insufficient amount of time to analyze the existing trail systems in New Mexico and the conditions of those trails. In addition, the task force will have to recommend where additional trails could be added. Use restrictions for public lands will also have to be analyzed.

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

A study to determine the potential of increasing ATV riders visiting New Mexico will not be completed.

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