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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR McQueen ORIGINAL DATE 1/21/18
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SHORT TITLE Science and Technology Tourism Trail SB _____

ANALYST Fernandez

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY18	FY19	FY20	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total		Indeterminate				

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Response Received From
Tourism Department

SUMMARY

Synopsis of HLEDC Amendment

The House Labor and Economic Development Committee amendment strikes language stating that Pluto was discovered by Clyde Tombaugh in Bosque del Apache.

Synopsis of Original Bill

House Memorial 1 requests the Tourism Department develop a "Science and Technology Tourism Trail" that promotes New Mexico as a tourist destination highlighting the many science and technology-related history attractions located throughout the state.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

Absent a fiscal analysis from the Tourism Department, it is difficult to estimate the cost of developing a Science and Technology Tourism Trail. The department may incur marketing costs such as promotion and advertising as well as other administrative expenses.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

HM1 recognizes New Mexico's signature science installations that have made significant contributions to science and technology that lead to scientific discoveries such as Los Alamos

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National Laboratory, Sandia National Laboratory and White Sands Missile Range. Other sites such as the Bradbury Science Museum, the Manhattan Project National Park and Trinity Site provide visitors with the opportunity to understand the history of the development and testing of the first atomic bomb.

Other significant technological sites in New Mexico include the Very Large Array (VLA), Spaceport America, Goddard Planetarium and the International Balloon Museum.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

Tourism Department may require additional administrative resources to develop a Science and Technology Tourism Trail.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

Included in HB2 in the LFC FY19 recurring budget recommendation for the Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department (EMNRD) is an appropriation of \$75 thousand to support the Rio Grande Trail Commission efforts to establish the Rio Grande Trail from Colorado to Texas. Tourism Department currently partners with EMNRD to promote the Rio Grande Trail via social media.

EMNRD also receives \$85 thousand from Department of Game and Fish from the Trail Safety Fund.

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