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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

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SPONSOR _____ **ORIGINAL DATE** _____ **LAST UPDATED** 1/27/19 **HB** 223

SHORT TITLE Reconstruct U.S. Highway 380 **SB** _____

ANALYST Jorgensen

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY20	FY21		
\$15,000.0		Nonrecurring	General

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to HJM 3

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Department of Cultural Affairs (DCA)

Responses Not Recieved From

Department of Transportation (DOT)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 223 (HB223) appropriates \$15 million from the general fund to the Department of Transportation (DOT) for the purpose of planning, design, and construction to allow freight shipping trucks over 65 feet to travel on U.S. Highway 380 between Carrizozo and Hondo.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$15 million contained in this bill is a nonrecurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2025 shall revert to the general fund.

There is no response from NMDOT as to whether funding is sufficient to meet the objectives of the bill.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The Department of Cultural Affairs notes that allowing commercial trucks over 65 feet to travel through this stretch of U.S. 380 could create safety concerns and reduce tourism to historic sites in Lincoln, New Mexico.

DCA notes the following:

The Lincoln Historic District was listed a National Historic Landmark by the National Park Service in 1960, and subsequently listed to the National Register of Historic Places in 1966. Allowing shipping trucks in excess of sixty-five feet to travel between Carrizozo and Hondo, NM, which runs directly through the Lincoln Historic District, would have the potential to impact the physical, audible, visual or atmospheric elements of the site and possibly diminish the aesthetic value of the district. The Prehistoric and Historic Sites Preservation Sites Act would require the Department of Transportation to consult with the State Historic Preservation Officer to first identify other more prudent and feasible alternatives before contemplating the restructuring or reconstructing of U.S. Highway 380.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

HB223 relates to House Joint Memorial 3 requesting DOT redesign U.S. Highway 380 to allow for shipping trucks over 65 feet.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

DCA notes that currently, commercial vehicles in excess of 65 feet are allowed on this stretch of road if they apply for and receive a permit stating that they are for local use only.

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