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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Soules ORIGINAL DATE 2/28/19
LAST UPDATED _____ HB _____
SHORT TITLE Request EMNRD to Draft Carbon Tax SB 475
ANALYST Jorgensen

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY20	FY21		
\$250.0		Nonrecurring	General

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

New Mexico Attorney General (N MAG)

Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department (EMNRD)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 475 requests the Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department (EMNRD) to draft legislation implementing a comprehensive carbon tax. SB475 appropriates \$475 thousand to the department to support the drafting.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$250 thousand contained in this bill is a nonrecurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY20 shall revert to the general fund.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

EMNRD reports that SB 475 supports Executive Order 2019-003 addressing climate change and requiring EMNRD to evaluate “adoption of a comprehensive market-based program that sets emission limits to reduce carbon dioxide, and other greenhouse gas pollution across New Mexico.”

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