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**AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS
2024 REGULAR SESSION**

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SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION

{Indicate if analysis is on an original bill, amendment, substitute or a correction of a previous bill}

Check all that apply:
Original **Amendment** _____
Correction _____ **Substitute** _____

Date 2/2/24
Bill No: HM 34

Sponsor: Rep. Ortez
Short Title: Citizen Science in State Agencies

Agency Name and Code University of New Mexico-952
Number: _____
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SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY24	FY25		
	N/A	N/A	N/A

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates/Conflicts with/Companion to/Relates to:
 Duplicates/Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act

SECTION III: NARRATIVE

BILL SUMMARY

Synopsis: HM 34 requests that a working group, consisting of various state agencies, be convened, and managed by the Wild Friends Program at the University of New Mexico School of Law. The working group is tasked with developing and recommending actions to establish and expand the use of citizen science using the best available science and data collection practices, which includes a pilot project for the use of the Wild Friends Program and for use as a template for state government agencies. The working group will report its recommendations to an appropriate interim committee by October 31, 2024.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The University of New Mexico and the Wild Friends Program do not foresee any fiscal impact with convening and managing the state agency working group. Wild Friends already has great educational programming and is well staffed to take on the work of managing this working group.

The Wild Friends Program is a civics and science education program at the UNM School of Law, working with students in grades 4-12 across New Mexico. Each year the students vote on a wildlife conservation topic, research the topic, and help draft legislation to address the needs identified. The students then travel to the NM State Legislature during the legislative session to advocate for the legislation. In 2024, the students helped to draft this memorial, which asks for a working group amongst NM Dept. of Game and Fish, NM Division of State Parks, and the State Land Office to explore the expanded use of citizen science by state agencies.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The University of New Mexico and the Wild Friends Program do not foresee any significant issues with convening and managing the state agency working group.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

TECHNICAL ISSUES

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

ALTERNATIVES

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

AMENDMENTS