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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 03/05/13

SPONSOR Alcon LAST UPDATED \_\_\_\_\_ HM 68

SHORT TITLE Replace Railroad Crossings With Bridges SB \_\_\_\_\_

ANALYST Chavez

### ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

|              | FY13 | FY14    | FY15 | 3 Year<br>Total Cost | Recurring or<br>Nonrecurring | Fund<br>Affected |
|--------------|------|---------|------|----------------------|------------------------------|------------------|
| <b>Total</b> |      | Minimal |      |                      |                              |                  |

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

House Memorial 68 requests that the United States Department of Transportation Federal Railroad Administration secure federal funding to eliminate highway-rail grade crossings in McKinley and Cibola Counties and replace them with new railroad bridges. A copy of this memorial shall be sent to the U.S. Secretary of Transportation, the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway Company, the New Mexico Secretary of Transportation, the Navajo Nation Division of Transportation and the Pueblo of Laguna Urban Transportation Planning Division.

### SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

According to the memorial, demand and use of railroad freight service is forecast to grow significantly in the near future; additional rail traffic is raising safety concerns and long delays, including for emergency vehicles. The memorial adds that investing in new bridges can improve safety by separating rail and vehicular traffic. It will also allow trains to travel faster, as well as providing a catalyst for job creation.

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