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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 02/23/13

SPONSOR McSorley LAST UPDATED _____ HB _____

SHORT TITLE “We the People Day” SM 70

ANALYST Chavez

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY13	FY14	FY15	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total		NFI	NFI	NFI		

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Memorial 70 (SM 70) proclaims March 6, 2012 “We the People Day” in the New Mexico Senate.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

According to SM 70 , “We the People: The Citizen and the Constitution” is a program funded by the United States Department of Education and administered by the Center for Civic Education that enhances student’s understanding of the institutions of American constitutional democracy while students discover the contemporary relevance of the United States Constitution and Bill of Rights. The bill further adds that We the People’s culminating activity is a simulated congressional hearing, held on both a competitive and noncompetitive basis in participating schools, in which 28 million students have participated since its inception in 1987. New Mexico teams have been among the top ten finalists at the We the People national finals several times.

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