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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Cisneros **ORIGINAL DATE** 02/03/16
LAST UPDATED 02/11/16 **HB** _____

SHORT TITLE Advanced Mapping Fund for Rio Grande Trail **SB** 224/aSFC

ANALYST Amacher

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY16	FY17		
	\$0.0	Nonrecurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY16	FY17	FY18		
	\$0.0		Nonrecurring	Advanced Mapping Fund (See Fiscal Impact)

(Parenthesis () Indicate Revenue Decreases)

Duplicates, Relates to, Conflicts with, Companion to: SB 30 and HM 33

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Energy, Minerals, and Natural Resources Department (EMNRD)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of the Senate Finance Committee Amendment

The Senate Finance Committee amendment removes the appropriation in its entirety.

SB 224, as amended, creates a new fund, the advanced mapping fund to provide for advanced mapping of trails and rights of way by the Rio Grande Trail Commission; including the development of the Rio Grande Trail.

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 224 creates a new fund, the advanced mapping fund, to provide for advanced mapping of trails and rights of way by the Rio Grande Trail Commission; including the development of the Rio Grande Trail. SB224 appropriates \$1 million from the general fund to this new fund for expenditure in fiscal year 2017 and subsequent fiscal years. Money in the fund shall not revert to any other fund at the end of the fiscal year. The advanced mapping fund will be administered by the energy, minerals, and natural resources department (EMNRD). Money in this fund may be used by EMNRD for the management of the Rio Grande Trail project. This would allow EMNRD to hire a project coordinator to oversee the project, including overseeing the master plan and alignment study agreement; purchasing rights of way required for the trail corridor; coordinating with all affected entities; and planning, design and construction of the Rio Grande trail. Funding may also be used as state matching funds for federal grants.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

Senate Bill 224, as amended, has no significant fiscal impact to the state. The activities outlined in SB 224 may be incorporated into current activities by EMNRD. The current proposed General Appropriation Act of 2016, House Appropriations and Finance Committee substitute 2 and 4, contains a \$75,000 budget request for the administration of the Rio Grande Trail Commission. According to EMNRD, the current fiscal year 2017 budget does not include this \$1 million request.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

Senate Bill 224, as amended, creates a new fund, the advanced mapping fund, to provide for advanced mapping of trails and rights of way by the Rio Grande Trail Commission; including the development of the Rio Grande Trail. The energy, minerals, and natural resources department (EMNRD) has been tasked with the administration of the fund.

SB224, as amended, allows for funds, when appropriated in future years, to be used by EMNRD for the management of the Rio Grande Trail project, including overseeing the master plan and alignment study agreement. Funds may also be used in purchasing rights of way required for the trail corridor; coordinating with all affected entities; and planning, design and construction of the Rio Grande trail.

EMNRD currently oversees the Rio Grande Trail Commission. The advanced mapping fund outlined in SB 224, as amended, may overlap with an existing fund, the Rio Grande trail fund, as established under Section9-5C-1(H).

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

In the event SB 224, as amended, is enacted, EMNRD would be required to hire a project coordinator, complete a master plan and alignment study, and assist in the designation and construction of trail segments.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

SB 30 conflicts with SB 224a, in that it also creates the advanced mapping fund and makes an appropriation of \$1 million to the fund to be administered by the department of transportation.

HM 35 requests that the Insights El Paso science center, together with El Camino Real de Tierra Adentro Trail Associations, certain state agencies and other stakeholders, work together to consider opportunities and options for a New Mexico entity to take possession of the Insights El Paso Science Center Mount Cristo Rey property. The Mount Cristo Rey property is a reasonable southern ending point for the Rio Grande Trail, which is under consideration by the Rio Grande Trail Commission.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

In the 2015 legislative session, the Rio Grande Trail Commission was created to define and recommend path routes, facilities and enhancements needed along the Rio Grande Trail. The commission is tasked with mitigating challenges and establishing the Rio Grande Trail to run the length of the state from Colorado to Texas. The General Appropriation Act of 2015 endowed the Rio Grande trail fund, as administered by EMNRD, with \$75,000 to begin the planning and development of the Rio Grande Trail.

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