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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Smith ORIGINAL DATE 1/13/16
 LAST UPDATED 1/27/16 HB _____

SHORT TITLE NM-Chihuahua Shared Interest Task Force SJM 8

ANALYST Armstrong

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY16	FY17	FY18	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total	\$0	\$0-\$50.0	\$0-\$50.0	\$0-\$100.0	Nonrecurring	Economic Development Department & Border Authority Operating Budgets

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Response Received From

Economic Development Department (EDD)

Response Not Received From

New Mexico Border Authority (NMBA)

Office of the State Engineer (OSE)

Department of Transportation (DOT)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

This memorial tasks EDD and the Border Authority with creating the New Mexico-Chihuahua Shared Interest Task Force to cultivate and enhance relations between the two states. The memorial states that, with significant economic growth in southern Doña Ana County and increased traffic and inspections at the Santa Teresa Port of Entry, New Mexico desires to continue its initiatives to advance cooperation between the states to promote job growth, increase educational opportunities, and improve cultural awareness.

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The task force would include members of the Legislature and representatives from the Economic Development Department, the Department of Transportation, the Border Authority, the Office of the State Engineer, higher education institutions, and New Mexico's business community. The memorial requests that the task force convene quarterly during 2016 and 2017 and report recommendations for action to the Legislative Finance Committee and other appropriate interim committees prior to January 2018.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

Costs associated with complying with the memorial's requests, including creating the task force and organizing meetings, would be absorbed by agency operating budgets. Per diem and mileage for legislators on the task force would be paid by the Legislative Council Service, as is done for members of the Public School Capital Outlay Oversight Task Force, out of the appropriation for interim expenses in House Bill 1.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The New Mexico-Chihuahua Commission was created in 2003 to provide a forum for discussion and resolution of issues of mutual concern to the governments of New Mexico and Chihuahua. Members of the commission include: New Mexico's governor; the secretaries of the Economic Development Department and Tourism Department; and other state officials and public members as appointed by the governor. Members representing Chihuahua are appointed by its executive branch. The commission is not statutorily required to report to the Legislature.

LFC staff met with representatives from the New Mexico Border Authority and agreed that LFC members would be invited to future meetings and working groups of the commission and would provide its annual report to the Legislature. Reports will include but are not limited to education, economic development, and transportation issues.

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