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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Johnson/Allison/Lente /Louis/Small **ORIGINAL DATE** 3/15/19
LAST UPDATED _____ **HM** 73
SHORT TITLE Energy Extraction Impact on Tribal People **SB** _____
ANALYST Hawker

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY19	FY20	FY21	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total		NFI	NFI	NFI		

Parenthesis () indicate expenditure decreases

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From
State Land Office (SLO)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Memorial

House Memorial 73 requests the Center for Health Policy at the University of New Mexico work with the Native American Budget and Policy Institute conduct a comprehensive needs assessment in partnership with impacted indigenous communities to produce a written report that examines the economic, health, environmental and social costs of extractive and fossil fuels impacts to the land, people, workers, water and air in indigenous communities in New Mexico. The report is to include community-based recommendations for transition planning and opportunities.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

HM73 does not contain an appropriation.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

Indigenous peoples are impacted by energy extraction and climate change. Environmental pollutions affects community life. HM73 examines the impacts of extractive and fossil fuel impacts.

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According to the UNM Metal Exposure and Toxicity Assessment on Tribal Lands in the Southwest (UNM METALS) Superfund Research Program Center:

“Years of mining waste on tribal lands has left Native Americans with numerous health problems. The health effects have been profound, and the center is conducting further research to determine the best methods for remediation of mine waste sites and risk reduction strategies within communities to help curb further exposure to the contaminants. The West is home to more than 4,000 uranium mines and some 160,000 abandoned hard rock mines. About 600,000 Native Americans live within 10 kilometers of the sites.”

The Native American Budget and Policy Institute was established in 2018 as a project of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Center for Health Policy at UNM and the New Mexico Center on Law and Poverty. It is funded in part by the W.K. Kellogg Foundation. The Institute is an outgrowth of the work and ideas of the Leadership Institute at the Santa Fe Indian School.

SLO notes it is not listed as a participant in HM73, however, there are state lands adjoining many tribal areas. The memorial is aligned with SLO’s priorities.

TECHNICAL ISSUES

HM73 does not provide to whom the completed assessment is to be delivered by when.

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