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## AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS - 2025 REGULAR SESSION

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### SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION

#### *Last Amendment*

**Date Prepared:** 3/14/2025

**Bill Number:** HB 330

**Sponsor:** M Garcia, Jaramillo, J. Martinez

**Short Title:** LAND GRANT-MERCED & ACEQUIA INFRASTRUCTURE

**Agency Name and Code Number:** NM Indian Affairs Dept 60900

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### Section II: FISCAL IMPACT

#### APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY25	FY26		
\$0	Unknown	Recurring	Multiple

(Parenthesis ( ) indicate expenditure decreases)

#### REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY25	FY26	FY27		
\$0	Unknown	Unknown	Recurring	Agency GF

(Parenthesis ( ) indicate revenue decreases)

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

	FY25	FY26	FY27	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected

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<b>Total</b>	\$0	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	NA	NA
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(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates/Conflicts with/Companion to/Relates to:  
Duplicates/Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act

### **SECTION III: NARRATIVE**

#### **BILL SUMMARY**

##### Synopsis:

This bill creates the Land Grant-Merced and Acequia Infrastructure Act, setting up two funds and a trust fund to support infrastructure projects for land grants-mercedes and acequias.

The Land Grant Council and the Interstate Stream Commission will manage the funds, set rules for grants, and assist with projects like water and wastewater systems, electrical lines, roads, health facilities, and irrigation works.

A trust fund will distribute up to 3% of its balance (when over \$5 million) to the two infrastructure funds each year. The bill also directs 1.1% of the state's severance tax bonding capacity to these projects, allowing the State Board of Finance to issue bonds for funding.

The Land Grant Council and Interstate Stream Commission must report to the legislature each year on spending, project progress, and recommendations.

Amendment Synopsis: The amendment increases the severance tax bonding capacity distribution to the tribal infrastructure fund (TIF) from 4.5% to 6.5%.

#### **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

Amendment Implications: By increasing the STB allocation to the TIF by 2%, the amended bill would create more capacity for tribal projects through TIF. Based on the LFC FIR, revenue to TIF would increase by \$36 million in FY26, \$36.9 million in FY27, and so forth. The 2% increase to the STB allocation represents a 44% increase in funding for TIF, which should result in a larger number of projects awarded and managed by the NM Indian Affairs Department.

#### **SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

Amendment Implications: NM Indian Affairs supports additional funding for nations, pueblos, and tribes, and the increase in Tribal Infrastructure Funds from 4.5% to 6.5% would result in more resources for tribal infrastructure.

#### **PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS**

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**ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS:**

Amendment Implications: As NM Indian Affairs would be administering more funds through TIF, it likely would require additional administrative capacity.

**CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP**

**TECHNICAL ISSUES**

**OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES**

**ALTERNATIVES**

**WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL**

**AMENDMENTS**