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AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS - 2025 REGULAR SESSION

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SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION

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Date Prepared: 2/22/25 *Check all that apply:*
Bill Number: HB492 Original Correction
 Amendment Substitute

Sponsor: Representative Cynthia Borrego **Agency Name** Economic Development
Short Title: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT **and Code** Department
PLANNING BUREAU **Number:** 41900
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SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY25	FY26		
	1,000.0	Nonrecurring	General

(Parenthesis () indicate expenditure decreases)

REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY25	FY26	FY27		

(Parenthesis () indicate revenue decreases)

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

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

(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:

HB492 enacts the establishment of the planning bureau (bureau) within the economic development division of the economic development department (EDD) to address issues relating to New Mexico's growth and development, and to coordinate the state's use of land, facilities, and resources.

HB492 outlines the bureau's mission, through interagency and intergovernmental collaboration and coordination with the department of transportation, the environment department, the New Mexico mortgage finance authority, the three regional planning commissions created under the Regional Planning Act, and the state's three regional housing authorities to prepare a comprehensive plan that addresses future development in the state, with an emphasis on job creation, housing and transportation needs, and linkages.

The bureau will collaborate with an Indian nation, tribe or pueblo on matters relating to development and planning upon request of the Indian nation, tribe or pueblo.

HB492 makes an appropriation in the amount of \$1,000,000.00 to the economic development division within EDD from the general fund for expenditure in FY26 and subsequent fiscal years for staffing the bureau. The funds are non-reverting.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

EDD will be required to hire staff with expertise and experience in planning and development, and administrative staff to support the bureau. While the appropriation will support hiring the bureau staff under the economic development division, the addition of staff results in the need for greater capacity in administrative services. To successfully carry out the intent of this bill, EDD will need to hire at least one additional FTE in the administrative services division, and one additional FTE in the human resources office under the office of the secretary to provide support related to finance, budget, IT, human resources and marketing.

The appropriation is non-recurring and additional recurring base budget will be required upon depletion of the \$1 million appropriation.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

HB492 requires collaboration with an Indian nation, tribe, or pueblo only at the request of the Indian nation, tribe, or pueblo. It is crucial that the state's Indian nation, tribes, and pueblos be included in this initiative from the outset. The Department of Indian Affairs should be one of the agencies required to collaborate and coordinate in this initiative to ensure fair representation and communication to New Mexico's Indian nation, tribes, and pueblos about the work being done to develop this comprehensive plan.

The state land office should have representation and be included in the list of collaborating

agencies.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

The creation of this bureau could support the efforts already underway at EDD related to site readiness.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

TECHNICAL ISSUES

HB492 makes a non-reverting appropriation to EDD from the general fund however, EDD's operating fund is not non-reverting, and therefore could not accept a non-reverting appropriation. The creation of a non-reverting fund for this bureau is necessary to carry out the intent of the bill.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

ALTERNATIVES

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

AMENDMENTS