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AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS - 2025 REGULAR SESSION

SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION

{Indicate if analysis is on an original bill, amendment, substitute or a correction of a previous bill}

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Check all that apply:

Bill Number: SB47

Original x Correction
Amendment Substitute

Sponsor: Sen. Leo Jaramillo

Agency Name and Code Number: 305 – New Mexico Department of Justice

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SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY25	FY26		

(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

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BILL SUMMARY

Synopsis: Senate Bill 47 adds to the list of land grants-mercedes that are subject to the provisions of NMSA 1978, Sections 49-1-1 through 18, the merced del Pueblo de Santa Cruz de la Canada, or the Santa Cruz de la Canada land grant-merced, located in Rio Arriba County and Santa Fe County. The bill adds a new subsection CC to NMSA 1978, Section 49-1-2 that briefly describes the land grant-merced. The addition of the land grant-merced to this list effectively recognizes the land grant-merced as a political subdivision of the state.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

N/A

Note: major assumptions underlying fiscal impact should be documented.

Note: if additional operating budget impact is estimated, assumptions and calculations should be reported in this section.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

None.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

None.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

None.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

None.

TECHNICAL ISSUES

For consistency, if applicable, consider adding “the” immediately preceding “Santa Cruz de la Canada land grant” on line 17, page 8 of the bill. Every other subsection that includes an alias

for the named land grant includes the article “the” or “la” (Spanish for “the”) in the name of the land grant.

Also, for consistency, if applicable, consider replacing “land grant-merced” with “grant” on line 21, page 8 of the bill. Although the term “land grant-merced” is used in different contexts within the section, e.g. at the beginning of each subsection C through CC, it is not used in this section when referring to a grantee of a patent.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

None.

ALTERNATIVES

None.

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

Status quo.

AMENDMENTS

None.