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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

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SHORT TITLE Study Recognition of Historic Trails SB SJM 35

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### APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY05	FY06	FY05	FY06		
None		\$0.1			

### REVENUE

Estimated Revenue		Subsequent Years Impact	Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY05	FY06			
		\$0.1 positive for tourism		

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

#### Responses Received From

Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department (EMNRD)

Public Regulation Commission (PRC)

Department of Cultural Affairs (DCA)

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

Senate Joint Memorial 35 requests that the DCA study and submit recommendations for recognizing historic trails, corridors, train routes, roads and highways. It has been found that these routes and corridors are significant on both state and national levels, and this study would identify methods to recognize, commemorate, mark and interpret these resources.

#### Significant Issues

New Mexico's historic roads, trails, corridors and railroads represent some of the most ancient and historically significant cultural landscapes in the United States.

There are multiple trails, corridors, train routes, roads and highways throughout the state, such as El Camino Real, the Old Spanish Trail and the Santa Fe Trail, that have not been uniformly recognized, commemorated, marked or interpreted. Many of these routes and corridors run nearby or through properties managed by the State Parks Division (SPD) of the EMNRD. This study would identify methods to adequately recognize these resources and educate the public as to their significance. It would also identify methods for state, federal and private entities to work together to mark and interpret these resources in a uniform manner.

The DCA will report its finding to the appropriate interim legislative committee by October 31, 2005.

### **PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS**

SJM may assist SPD with a uniform, statewide marking system and education programs for park visitors and tourists.

State Highway Department resources and State Library resources can be used to help document the evolution of historic roads, trails, corridors and railroads.

### **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

DCA will be responsible for absorbing the costs of the study. In the long-term, depending on the recommendations of the study and the implementation of those recommendations, there could be a positive fiscal impact on SPD, by attracting more people to the parks through educational programs related to these historic routes and corridors.

There will be additional agency expenses for staff time, travel and research materials.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

Administrative implications will be minimal, as DCA would be responsible for creating the study. The results of the study could have administrative implications in that SPD may partner with DCA and other agencies in corridor and route identification, education and interpretation endeavors.

### **TECHNICAL ISSUES**

It is suggested that the time be extended to complete this project as it is a large endeavor.

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

If this bill is not enacted, the identification and interpretation of historic routes and corridors in New Mexico will continue to be localized and not uniform.

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