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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR King DATE TYPED 2/7/2005 HB HJM 8

SHORT TITLE Create Cerrillos Hills State Park SB _____

ANALYST Aguilar

APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY05	FY06	FY05	FY06		
	NFI		Indeterminate	Recurring	General fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Report of the Legislative Finance Committee to the Forty-Seventh Legislature, First Session, January 2005. Volume 2 pages 186-187

Responses Received From

Energy, Mineral and Natural Resources Department (EMNRD)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Joint Memorial 8 authorizes the State Parks Division of the Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department, upon the acceptance of a favorable feasibility study and to the extent funds are available, to enter into agreements with Santa Fe County to create Cerrillos Hills State Park and to acquire land for the park.

Significant Issues:

The Cerrillos Hills Historic Park, open space owned by the County of Santa Fe, is a candidate for state park status. Section 16-2-11 NMSA 1978 requires a feasibility study and legislative approval of any acquisition of land for state park purposes prior to the execution of a written agreement binding the state to an expenditure of funds.

The County of Santa Fe is interested in a partnership with the State Parks Division to operate this 1,200-acre area as a state park. Federal lands in the area owned by the Bureau of Land Management could also be incorporated into the park via an inter-agency agreement.

The State Parks Division has embarked on an aggressive strategy to expand the number of parks statewide. The LFC has noted concern regarding the lack of adequate recurring funding for operational costs at new and expanded state parks and has requested EMNRD provide a comprehensive plan on recurring funding needs.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

It is expected both recurring and non-recurring fiscal impacts would be involved in the acquisition and operation of this park. State Parks Division has estimated the long-term staffing and operational needs at Cerrillos Hills at \$120 thousand annually and non-recurring capital needs to construct appropriate visitor facilities at \$750.0. LFC considers both of the estimates to be low.

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