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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 2-12-2007

SPONSOR Madalena LAST UPDATED _____ HJM 28

SHORT TITLE Land Designation of Coronado State Monument SB _____

ANALYST Dearing

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY07	FY08		
	*NFI		

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Cultural Affairs Department (CAD)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Joint Memorial 28 resolves that the University of New Mexico cease sale of a portion of disputed land, designate a parcel of land as included in the Coronado State Monument property, and grant the University of New Mexico's half-interest in another parcel of disputed land to the Museum of New Mexico.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

*No fiscal impact. Enactment of House Joint Memorial could incur indeterminate legal costs for both the Museum of New Mexico and the University of New Mexico.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

According to the State Monuments division:

“This joint memorial requests that the Governor exercise his authority to designate state monuments by adding a 26.57-acre parcel of land owned by the University of New Mexico to the

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97.8-acre parcel currently administered as Coronado State Monument by the Cultural Affairs department under a 99-year lease agreement.

This action would accomplish two things:

- 1) Coronado State Monument would operate in perpetuity and forgo the established lease agreement.
- 2) Provide protection in perpetuity to the 26.57-acre parcel which is located between the monument and the Rio Grande.

Although Coronado was designated a State Monument in March 1931 and then dedicated in May 1940, its administration under the Museum of New Mexico was not formally realized until October 1, 1943, under a lease agreement with the University of New Mexico. This lease agreement provided for an undivided $\frac{1}{2}$ interest over the 218.13-acre parcel of land that had been conveyed to the UNM by the U.S. Government for “archaeological purposes”. In 1986, to settle a dispute with the Santa Ana pueblo, UNM exchanged a 119.86-acre parcel on the western part of this property to Santa Ana Pueblo in exchange for a 26.57-acre parcel located between eastern boundary of the “monument” parcel and the Rio Grande. The Museum of New Mexico was not granted any ownership or authority over this 26.57-acre parcel.

During the past few years there has been some interest expressed by the UNM of divesting itself of this property or developing it. This parcel is land-locked by Santa Ana Pueblo land to the north, the Monument to the west and south and the Rio Grande to the east. The parcel, and its resources, have a direct relation to the cultural and natural resources of the Monument and would serve to enhance the interpretation of the site to visitors. If this property were to be disposed through sale, lease, or otherwise, the integrity of the Monument will be compromised and cultural/archeological resources associated to the Monument would be lost or destroyed. Also, any development on this parcel would spoil the view shed of this site and impact the experience of all visitors to the Monument.”

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