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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

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SPONSOR Munoz

SHORT TITLE Native American Water Rights Settlement Funds SM 64

ANALYST Burns

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY09	FY10		
	NFI		

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates House Memorial 66

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Indian Affairs Department (IAD)

Office of the State Engineer (OSE)

New Mexico Environment Department (NMED)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Memorial 64 requests continued funding for Native American water rights settlements.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

No fiscal impact is contained in Senate Memorial 64, but SM 64 requests the Governor and Legislature of New Mexico to continue to support funding for the Indian Water Rights settlements through contributions to the Indian Water Rights Settlement Fund. If the legislature were to honor the request it would require appropriations made to the fund.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

According to IAD, federal legislation authorizing federal funding is pending or has not been introduced and the State has committed ten million dollars to the Fund in 2007 and 2009 respectively. SM 64 would call on the Governor and Legislature to continue with their

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commitment to implement the settlement of long running water disputes between the state, non-Indian water users, and tribes.

DUPLICATION

Senate Memorial 64 is duplicated by House Memorial 66.

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

The legislature would not request the governor, the New Mexico legislature, or the US congress to continue funding for Indian water rights.

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