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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 03/01/13
LAST UPDATED _____ **HB** 625
SPONSOR Lewis
SHORT TITLE Heritage Series License Plates **SB** _____
ANALYST Boerner

REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY13	FY14	FY15		
	Indeterminate*	Indeterminate*	Recurring	TRD/DOT Operating Funds

(Parenthesis () Indicate Revenue Decreases)

*Dependent upon the number of special licenses sold.

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY13	FY14	FY15	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total		\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0		TRD Operating Funds

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

HB488 and SB496 offer a conflicting vision for the design and issuance of special plates. HB185 and HB282 would establish special plates in honor of masons and the Albuquerque Isotopes.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Taxation and Revenue Department (TRD)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

This bill adds a new section to the Motor Vehicle Code to require the issuance of a series of heritage registration plates, which would have logos symbolizing some of the major factors, events, persons and natural resources that have taken the state into its second century of statehood. The language lists twenty-one themes to be included on the plates, including green

Roswell aliens, horned toads, Las Cruces, historic Route 66, Gambel's quail, butterflies and Merriam's wild turkey, as well as many suggested design features to go along with these themes.

Four new plates are to be made available each year, but after the first ten are issued, no further heritage plates will be manufactured until at least one hundred people have expressed interest in purchasing a specific new one. The secretary of TRD is required to consult with other states to determine the most effective, inexpensive and cost-effective method of implementing the new heritage registration plates section.

The fee for these heritage plates is seventeen dollars in addition to the regular fee. For an additional ten dollars the plate can be personalized.

Revenue received for a Route 66 heritage plate is appropriated to the Department of Transportation to fund the revitalization and preservation of historic Route 66. All other heritage plate fees are appropriated to TRD.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

No major fiscal impacts noted.

TECHNICAL ISSUES

The bill specifies that the Gambel's quail heritage plate shall incorporate a larger and different design than the depiction currently used on the Wildlife special plate, and that the current quail plate shall be discontinued once current stock is exhausted. However, no similar determination is made regarding replacement of the current Route 66 and Las Cruces plates.

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