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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

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SPONSOR Gonzales ORIGINAL DATE 01/22/14 HB 71
LAST UPDATED

SHORT TITLE Traditional Historic Community Qualifications SB _____

ANALYST Boerner

(Parenthesis () Indicate Revenue Decreases)

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY14	FY15	FY16	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total	None	None	None	None		

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From
Attorney General's Office (AG)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 71 proposes language that would alter the types of communities eligible under NMSA 1978, Section 3-7-1.1 for designation as a "traditional historic community." Under the current law, only unincorporated areas located in class B counties with populations between 95,000 and 99,500 are eligible for this designation. (See generally NMSA 1978, Section 4-44-1 defining criteria for county classes).

If the proposed changes are adopted, eligibility for unincorporated areas in class B counties would be modified to those counties with populations between 30,000 and 40,000, and eligibility would be added for unincorporated areas in class A counties with populations between 140,000 and 200,000.

The bill also proposes changing the basis for measuring county population under Section 3-7-1.1 to the "most recent decennial census," versus the current measure, which is the "1990 decennial census."

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

None noted.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

Section 4-44-1(A) NMSA 1978 defines county classifications for salary purposes as:

- (1) those having a final, full assessed valuation of over seventy-five million dollars (\$75,000,000) and having a population of one hundred thousand persons or more as determined by the most current annual population data or estimate available from the United States census bureau, as class "A" counties;
- (2) those having a final, full assessed valuation in excess of seventy-five million dollars (\$75,000,000) with a population less than one hundred thousand persons as determined by the most current annual population data or estimate available from the United States census bureau, as class "B" counties;

TECHNICAL ISSUES

The AG suggests the following amendment to page 1, line 25: insert the modifier “an unincorporated area of” in between “or” and “a” of this sentence.

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