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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

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SPONSOR Herrell **HB** HJM 28

SHORT TITLE Opposition to Sun Zia Project **SB** _____

ANALYST Sanogo

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY15	FY16	FY17	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total	NFI	NFI	NFI			

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates SJM 28

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files
 Office of Military Base Planning and Support (OMBS)
 NM Renewable Energy Transmission (NMRETA)

SUMMARY

HJM 18 would express the Legislature’s opposition to the construction of the SunZia transmission line, as currently recognized by the US bureau of land management (BLM). The memorial requests that BLM halt any further approval or action related to the SunZia project until the environmental implications and effects on the White Sands missile range are addressed.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

No fiscal impacts.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The Office of Military Base Planning and Support (OMBS) argues that the current SunZia transmission line would have a negative impact on the test and evaluation mission at White Sands Missile Range. OMBS finds that the current routing through the northern extension area “sacrifices the unique critical testing capability and has national security implications.”

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