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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE
SPONSOR Candelaria **LAST UPDATED** 02/11/15 **HB** _____

SHORT TITLE Land Grant Board Comprehensive Plan Approval **SB** 213

ANALYST Daly

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

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

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Department of Finance & Administration (DFA)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 213, for the Land Grant Committee, reassigns the duty to approve comprehensive plans determining zoning of common lands of land grant-merced from DFA to the board of trustees of each land grant-merced. In taking such an action, a board of trustees must now consider the health, safety and welfare of both the residents and the heirs of the land grant-merced.

This bill also removes language in existing law that requires DFA to arbitrate zoning conflicts between land grant-merced and neighboring counties and municipalities.

The effective date of SB 213 is July 1, 2015.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

No fiscal impact on the State is anticipated.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

Since DFA no longer has the duty to arbitrate zoning conflicts between land-grant merceds and neighboring counties and municipalities, the courts would be responsible for resolving any such disputes.

DFA states that it is believed that SB 213 is being proposed because its Local Government Division does not have sufficient resources to approve land grant comprehensive plans or to act as an arbitrator for zoning conflicts between land grants-mercedes and neighboring municipalities and counties.

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