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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 02/23/15

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SHORT TITLE Study Protecting Wildlife From Drones SM 91

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)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files
 Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources (EMNRD)
 Department of Game and Fish (DGF)

SUMMARY

SM 91 resolves that all state entities with wildlife responsibilities be encouraged to stay aware of changing technologies including drones that may affect wildlife. The memorial also requests that State Parks recommend methods for the protection of wildlife from drones.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

No fiscal impacts.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The state parks division (SPD) of the Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department (EMNRD) reports that it has limited expertise concerning the interaction of drones and wildlife. The agency would be required to consult extensively with other state and federal agencies, such as the Department of Game and Fish (DGF) or the US Bureau of Reclamation. Addressing these concerns, DGF assures that:

The department will also provide assistance to the State Parks Division, if requested, regarding technical, scientific, or biological information needed in developing any future recommendation for the protection of wildlife from drones within State Park properties.

DUPLICATES

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SM 91 duplicates HM 81, and relates to SB 82, “No Use of Drones for Hunting.”

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