

Fiscal impact reports (FIRs) are prepared by the Legislative Finance Committee (LFC) for standing finance committees of the NM Legislature. The LFC does not assume responsibility for the accuracy of these reports if they are used for other purposes.

Current and previously issued FIRs are available on the NM Legislative Website (www.nmlegis.gov) and may also be obtained from the LFC in Suite 101 of the State Capitol Building North.

FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Stewart ORIGINAL DATE 1/31/17
 LAST UPDATED 2/09/17 HB _____

SHORT TITLE Pollinator-Friendly Plant Labeling Project SJM 4/aSCONC

ANALYST Dulany

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY17	FY18	FY19	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total		NFI				Other State Funds

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

University of New Mexico (UNM)

New Mexico Department of Agriculture (NMDA)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Senate Conservation Committee Amendment

The Senate Conservation Committee Amendment changes page 2, line 1 to reflect “millions of acres of food in New Mexico rely on bees and other pollinators for pollination...”

Synopsis of Original Joint Memorial

Senate Joint Memorial 4 expresses support for the implementation of a voluntary statewide pollinator-friendly plant labeling project and requests that, within available resources, NMDA provide technical support to the Wild Friends program of UNM, the New Mexico Beekeepers Association, and the New Mexico chapter of the Colorado Nursery and Greenhouse Association as they work to implement the project.

The joint memorial further requests that, within available resources, NMDA continue its collaborative efforts relating to the health of bees and other New Mexico pollinators. Finally, SJM 4 requests the director of the Legislative Council Service designate a pollinator garden at the state capitol to help educate the public about the importance of bees and other pollinators to humans and requests the governor to declare the second “Bee Aware Day” during the school year to further educate the public about the importance of bees.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

NMDA expects measurable, but minimal expenditure of agency resources. SJM 4 requests NMDA carry out the provisions of the memorial within existing resources.

The Wild Friends program at UNM indicates it will not seek additional funding from the state in FY18 for this project and will use existing programmatic resources or other external funding for the costs of the project.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

According to UNM, the work requested in SJM 4 is a continuation of a collaborative effort by the NM Department of Agriculture with the Wild Friends program and other groups to improve the health of bee and other pollinator populations in New Mexico.

TD/jle/al/jle