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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

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 LAST UPDATED _____ HB _____

SHORT TITLE Pecos Economic Development SB 220

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APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY20	FY21		
	\$75.0	Nonrecurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Economic Development Department (EDD)

Tourism Department (TD)

Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department (EMNRD)

Department of Game and Fish (DGF)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Setae Bill 220 appropriates \$75 thousand from the general fund to the local government division of the Department of Finance and Administration (DFA) to implement recreational and community economic and infrastructure development initiatives in the village of Pecos and the Upper Pecos canyon.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$75 thousand contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY21 shall revert to the general fund.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

State Parks reports it has signed a memorandum of agreement with the DGF to manage Pecos Canyon State Park in upper Pecos Canyon and is in the process of hiring staff and developing the

park. State Parks staff are also in regular communication with the Village of Pecos and the Upper Pecos Watershed Association regarding partnership and economic development opportunities. If SB 220 passes, it would help the Village of Pecos work with State Parks to partner on efforts to increase economic development and partner on recreational endeavors as related to the new park.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

The local government division of DFA would be required to oversee management and expenditure of the appropriation with existing staff and resources.

SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

For FY20, the Legislature appropriated operational funds and five positions so the State Parks Division could implement Pecos Canyon State Park. Capital funds were also authorized to begin preliminary site work. EMNRD reports the official park opening will be in the spring of 2020.

According to the EDD, this appropriation would augment the efforts of its newly created outdoor recreation division which currently has limited financial resources. It would also provide resources to develop outdoor recreation assets in one of the most popular outdoor recreation areas of the state. Finally, the appropriation would help enhance the visitor experience, stimulate community development and generate investment and revenue in rural New Mexico.

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

Funding for those communities to partner with State Parks will need to come from other sources.

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