

Duplicates/Conflicts with/Companion to/Relates to:
Duplicates/Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act

SECTION III: NARRATIVE

BILL SUMMARY

Synopsis: House Joint Memorial 8 requests the New Mexico Department of Transportation (DOT) establish a rest stop on U.S. Highway 380 at the entrance to the Trinity Site near Bingham, New Mexico.

The Trinity Site is historically significant as the location of the first atomic weapon detonation on July 16, 1945. The memorial emphasizes the urgency of recognizing the sacrifices of the residents of Socorro and Otero counties, known as “downwinders,” while survivors are still living. HJM 8 also calls for an informational plaque at the memorial site and that a dedication ceremony be held on July 16, 2025, inviting surviving downwinders and their families.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

None.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The Trinity Site is within the White Sands Missile Range and is only open to the public twice a year. A rest stop and memorial may attract tourists who expect year-round access. Additionally, Highway 380 is a remote area with limited services. Increased tourism could create demands for additional infrastructure, such as restrooms, security, and emergency response services.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

None.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

None.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

None.

TECHNICAL ISSUES

None.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

None.

ALTERNATIVES

None.

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

Status Quo.

AMENDMENTS

None.