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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Anderson ORIGINAL DATE 3/4/09
 LAST UPDATED _____ HM 62

SHORT TITLE House Roll Call Votes on Legislative Web Site SB _____

ANALYST Hoffmann

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

| Appropriation | | Recurring or Non-Rec | Fund Affected |
|---------------|------|-------------------------|------------------|
| FY09 | FY10 | | |
| See Narrative | | | |

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

| | FY09 | FY10 | FY11 | 3 Year Total Cost | Recurring or Non-Rec | Fund Affected |
|--------------|------|-------|-------|----------------------|-------------------------|------------------|
| Total | | \$0.1 | \$0.1 | \$0.1 | Recurring | General Fund |

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SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Memorial 62 requests the New Mexico Legislative Council to instruct the House Chief Clerk to post results of roll-call votes on the Legislative web site.

The memorial cites the following constituent and Legislative concerns that would be addressed by the passage of the memorial.

- Elected officials are well aware that the public has placed a priority on transparency and accountability in government.
- Knowing how a legislator voted is critical to being able to evaluate the legislator and hold the legislator accountable.
- The only way that the public, at present, can find out the results of floor votes by a roll call is to wait until after the session when the journal becomes available.

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- The Senate already posts the results of its roll-call votes immediately on the legislative web site.
- There is no technical impediment to the House of Representatives doing the same thing by making votes instantly available when they are made on the floor subject to a call of the roll.

The memorial further directs that copies be transmitted to the co-chairs of the New Mexico Legislative Council and to the House Chief Clerk.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

House Memorial 62 makes no appropriations.

There is no estimate available that addresses the possible impact on the workload of the House Chief Clerk as to whether additional human resources are needed to provide the proposed service.

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