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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 3/16/09

SPONSOR Gardner LAST UPDATED _____ HM 119

SHORT TITLE "Certified Athletic Trainers Month" SB _____

ANALYST Wilson

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY09	FY10		
	NFI		

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Memorial 119 declares March as "Certified Athletic Trainers Month" in New Mexico.

Congratulations and gratitude is extended to all certified athletic trainers from around the state for the care that they provide to their communities and for fulfilling the "health care for life and sport" motto each day.

The memorial states that copies of this memorial be transmitted to the appropriate parties.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

There is no fiscal impact.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The profession of athletic training is practiced by athletic trainers, all of whom are certified health care professionals who collaborate with physicians to optimize the activity and participation of patients and clients.

Athletic training encompasses prevention, diagnosis and intervention for emergency, acute and chronic medical conditions that involve impairment, functional limitations and disabilities.

Students who want to become certified athletic trainers must earn a degree from an accredited athletic training program.

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Accredited programs include formal instruction in areas such as injury and illness prevention, first aid and emergency care, assessment of injuries and illnesses, human anatomy and physiology, therapeutic modalities and nutrition.

To become a certified athletic trainer, a student must graduate with a bachelor's or master's degree from an accredited professional athletic training education program and must pass a comprehensive test administered by the board of certification.

More than 70% of certified athletic trainers hold at least a master's degree.

Certified athletic trainers must meet ongoing continuing education requirements in order to keep their certification up to date and active.

New Mexico has more than 130 certified athletic trainers throughout the state, with many employed in universities, junior colleges and high schools.

Many of New Mexico's certified athletic trainers have gone on to work for professional athletic teams.

Certified athletic trainers work with more than athletes and they can be found wherever people are physically active.

Certified athletic trainers play an important role in many of our communities;

POSSIBLE QUESTIONS

Who are the appropriate parties?

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