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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 03/07/09

SPONSOR Papen LAST UPDATED _____ HB _____

SHORT TITLE “Colonias Day” SJM 2

ANALYST Baca

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

Senate Joint Memorial 2 requests that February 25, 2009, be recognized as “Colonias Day” in the legislature and further requests that Governor Richardson and his cabinet work with Board of Directors of the Association of Counties to assist local efforts to improve the quality of life in the state and to add improvements for rural communities. SJM 2 also requests that improvements for rural communities and colonias be added to the state’s priority action list of programs for legislative funding. Copies of this memorial are to be transmitted to the Governor and the board of Directors of the Association of Counties.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

None noted.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The memorial commends the Governor for targeting statewide improvements in education, water issues, infrastructure and economic development, all areas of activity sorely in need of improvement in rural communities and colonias. The proud residents of rural communities and colonias face harsh challenges on a daily basis and strive to improve local conditions and improve future prospects for themselves and their children, and, the memorial emphasizes, by working together, present conditions and future prospects can be improved. The memorial’s intent is summarized below

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...rural and colonias communities are sorely lacking in infrastructure, accessibility, opportunities and sanitation services, and, by working together, the state and individual counties could lift up these communities and provide better futures for the children in the communities who will in turn raise their own families on family properties, thereby making meaningful progress toward enhancing the most basic of human needs in these challenged communities.

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

The existing, harsh conditions in rural communities and colonias will continue.

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