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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR: Ar	agon	DATE TYPED:	03/13/01	HB	
SHORT TITLE:	1856 Records of NM	& Colorado Land	l Grants	SB	SJM 47/aHFl #1
	ANALYST:			YST:	Dotson/Dunbar

APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring	Fund
FY01	FY02	FY01	FY02	or Non-Rec	Affected
	None				None

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates HJM 45

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Secretary of State

SUMMARY

Synopsis of HFl #1 Amendment

House Floor Amendment #1 amends SJM 47 by changing one of the recipients of copies of the memorial from the "office of the federal surveyor general", to the "federal general accounting office".

Synopsis of Original Bill

SJM 47 requests the US Congress to provide access to records of New Mexico and southern Colorado land grants.

Significant Issues

A significant discrepancy exist regarding the number of land grants in New Mexico and southern Colorado. Providing access to the archives may resolve the questions concerning an estimated 719 land grants which remain unaccounted for, despite evidence of their existence.

Clarifying the historic record would bring understanding regarding ancestral properties. New findings would bring accuracy to the debate of potential injustices regarding ancestral properties.

New findings could be a basis for potential displacement of current landholders.

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