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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR: Leavell DATE TYPED: 02/12/01 HB _____
 SHORT TITLE: Safety of Natural Gas Pipeline Operations SB SM 12
 ANALYST: Valenzuela

APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY01	FY02	FY01	FY02		
	NFI				

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Memorial 12 requests the U.S. Congress to strengthen the federal rules and laws regarding natural gas pipeline safety. The memorial recognizes the importance of pipelines to New Mexico and the United States and asserts states have “a vital interest” in the operations and maintenance of the pipelines.

Significant Issues

Senate Memorial 12 is a response to the devastating natural gas pipeline explosion in the Carlsbad, New Mexico region, where a New Mexico family lost its lives. In the aftermath, the state became more aware of the jurisdictional limits it has over pipeline safety and regulation. The intent of the memorial is to create more parity between the state and federal laws and rules regarding pipeline safety to reduce the number of incidents.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

Senate Memorial 12 does not contain an appropriation and would not have an fiscal impact on any state agency.

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