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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR:	Hobbs	DATE TYPED:	02/11/00	HB	374
SHORT TITLE:	Annual State Park Pass for NM Residents			SB	
				ANALYST:	Valenzuela

APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY00	FY01	FY00	FY01		
	NFI		NFI		

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

REVENUE

Estimated Revenue		Subsequent	Recurring	Fund
FY00	FY01	Years Impact	or Non-Rec	Affected
	Negative, Indeterminate	Indefinite	Recurring	General Fund, OSF

(Parenthesis () Indicate Revenue Decreases)

Relates to House Bill 20

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

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SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 374 requires the State Parks Division of the Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department (EMNRD) to offer an annual camping pass to those New Mexico residents. The pass would be valid for one year after the purchase date.

Significant Issues

The State Parks Division eliminated its annual camping pass when its instituted its fee increase on January 1, 1999 for all residents except for seniors and persons with disabilities.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

House Bill 374 does not carry an appropriation, but would have a fiscal impact. The signage and marketing materials would have to be revised to reflect the availability of an annual pass. Additionally, there would be an increase in the division printing costs to produce the passes. Based on the costs for the recent fee increase, the fiscal impact for these items would approximate to \$50.0.

The division argues that it will suffer a negative fiscal impact resulting from decreased revenues, which help to support the division's operating costs. However, it is difficult to predict what the impact would be at this point.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

Enactment of House Bill 374 would have an impact on the division, who would need to update its signage and marketing materials to reflect the new change to fees.

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