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F I S C A L I M P A C T R E P O R T

SPONSOR: Martinez DATE TYPED: 02/08/02 HB

SHORT TITLE: Energy Employees Occupational Illness Program SB SM 28

ANALYST: Valenzuela

APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY02	FY03	FY02	FY03		
		NFI			

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

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SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Memorial 28 recognizes enactment of the Federal Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act of 2000 and the location of the southwest regional resource center in Espanola.

Significant Issues

The Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program provides benefits authorized by the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act. The Program went into effect on July 31, 2001. The U. S. Department of Labor's Office of Workers' Compensation Programs is responsible for adjudicating and administering claims filed by employees or former employees (or their survivors) under the Act.

Since World War II, thousands of men and women, who worked the nation's nuclear defense industry, developed disabling or fatal illnesses as a result of exposure to beryllium, ionizing radiation, and other hazards unique to nuclear weapons production and testing. These workers were neither adequately protected from, nor informed of, the occupational hazards to which they were exposed. Existing workers' compensation programs have failed to provide for the needs of these workers and their families.

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