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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

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SHORT TITLE: Timely Business Licensing SB _____

ANALYST: Maloy

APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY03	FY04	FY03	FY04		
			Minimal		

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Responses Received From
 Environment Department, Office of General Counsel
 Economic Development

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Joint Memorial 41 directs the Public Regulatory Commission (PRC) and the Regulation and Licensing Department (RLD) to reexamine their procedures for the oversight, licensing and regulation of businesses.

Significant Issues

This memorial requests these two departments reexamine their procedures in light of the following considerations:

1. New Mexico needs to attract more businesses and capital to enhance its economic development.
2. Government should facilitate the expansion of New Mexico's existing businesses and provide incentives for new business and industry growth.
3. Existing jobs need to be preserved, and with New Mexico's growing population more jobs need to be created.

4. Diversification of business and industry should be encouraged. This protects against drastic changes in the state's economy.
5. Healthy businesses need timely and efficient government oversight.
6. The complexity of current licensing procedures slows expansion and growth.
7. State agencies and commissions that regulate business and industry should streamline their procedures to shorten the time it takes for businesses to get started in New Mexico.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

There will be minimal fiscal and administrative impact on the PRC and RLD due to staff and time resources needed to conduct this study.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

While simplifying the government licensing and oversight involvement, the state must balance the needs of consumers who stand to be harmed if the regulation is inadequate.

POSSIBLE QUESTIONS

This memorial really focuses on the "licensing" issues. There are likely other government barriers that come into play. Therefore, should other agencies, such as the Secretary of State, Economic Development, Tourism and Taxation and Revenue, participate in a more comprehensive review of business and industry growth and expansion?

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