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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Aragon DATE TYPED 02/09/04 HB _____

SHORT TITLE Subdivision Approval for Class A Counties SB 432

ANALYST Johnson

APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY04	FY05	FY04	FY05		
	See Narrative				

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From
Bernalillo County Manager

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 432 amends statutes (Section 47-6-9 NMSA 1978) relating to the authority of a county commission to regulate subdivision approval. The bill allows the board of county commissioners of a class A county with a population over 500,000 to delegate its review and approval of subdivision plans and plats to a county planning and development review authority. The population requirement restricts the bill to Bernalillo county.

Significant Issues

Bernalillo county supports the bill. Currently, developers must submit a preliminary plat through three levels of review, including approval from the board of county commissioners. Next, developers must submit a final plat through the same review process even if the plats have not changed. This lengthy process typically takes between 12 and 18 months. Passage of the bill would provide for a more efficient review process without a loss of oversight. A shortened approval time could streamline economic development efforts and save money for both the developer and the county.

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