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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Rawson DATE TYPED 02/10/2005 HB \_\_\_\_\_

SHORT TITLE Rest Area Waste Disposal Facility Operation SB 682

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### APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY05	FY06	FY05	FY06		
	\$600			Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From  
Department of Transportation (DOT)

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 682 appropriates \$600,000 from the general fund to the NMDOT for expenditure in fiscal year 2006 to operate and maintain recreational vehicle waste disposal facilities at NMDOT rest stops where waste disposal facilities exist but have been closed.

#### Significant Issues

The appropriation is provides funds only for FY06 yet the program will be a recurring one. The DOT points out in its FIR that most rest areas were designed thirty or more years ago and do not have capacity to handle the additions to the waste stream without large-scale expansion and costs.

### PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

The rest areas in this state are for the most part over capacity and run on septic tank systems.

**FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

The appropriation of \$600 contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY06 shall revert to the general fund. This bill however creates a recurring expenditure with no future appropriations. The DOT feels that additional FTE's will have to be created or work contracted out to operate and maintain waste disposal facilities.

**OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES**

The DOT indicates that some problems may be encountered with water wells at rest areas due to increased effluent. These facilities have been a source of non-biodegradable introductions to the waste streams at rest areas in the past.

**ALTERNATIVES**

Set up sites with local municipalities that can handle these sorts of facilities in a more efficient environmentally friendly way. Most cities already have these available. The NMDOT could put up signs to the nearest municipal facility.

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