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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Robinson DATE TYPED 03-02-05 HB _____

SHORT TITLE Management of LANL Feasibility Study SB SJM 89

ANALYST Woods

APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY05	FY06	FY05	FY06		
	NFI				

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to SJM27

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Joint Memorial 89 requests that the University of New Mexico, New Mexico State University, and the New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology study the feasibility of a consortium of these three institutions of higher education negotiating or bidding for management of Los Alamos National Laboratory. The memorial resolution notes the following:

- Los Alamos National Laboratory is one of the nation's leading defense research facilities, employing thousands of highly qualified persons with a multimillion dollar annual budget;
- Los Alamos National Laboratory has tremendous knowledge in supercomputing, laser technology, energy technology, environmental control, superconducting, biotechnology and material synthesis that could assist the entire country in transforming its industrial technology base;
- Los Alamos National Laboratory is currently managed by the University of California, but that management contract will expire soon; and

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- the management of Los Alamos National Laboratory by a consortium of New Mexico's three research universities may prove to be both more efficient and more beneficial than having management by the University of California.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

The memorial further resolves that copies of this memorial be transmitted to the presidents of the University of New Mexico, New Mexico State University and the New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

Relates to SJM27 in that SJM27 requests the United States Department of Energy to complete a new contract with the University of California to operate Los Alamos National laboratory.

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