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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

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SPONSOR McCoy

SHORT TITLE Study Disaster Evacuation of Pets SB _____

ANALYST Peery

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY06	FY07		
NA	NA	NA	NA

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

No Responses Received From

Department of Public Safety (DPS)
 Governor's Office/Homeland Security (GHS)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of HGUAC Amendment

The House Government and Urban Affairs Committee amendment for House Memorial 2 add the following language on page two, between lines six and seven: "BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the department of public safety report to the appropriate legislative interim committee by October 15, 2006 on the guidelines it has issued and how those guidelines are being implemented by local government; and".

Synopsis of Bill

House Memorial 2 requests the Department of Public Safety develop guidelines that can be used by local governments for evacuation planning in order to ensure the New Mexicans are not placed at greater personal risk for their unwillingness to abandon their domestic pets.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The costs of the developing guidelines for local governments for evacuation planning should be minimal to the Department of Public Safety. Section 12-10-1 through 12-10-13 NMSA 1978 is the "State Civil Emergency Preparedness Act". One of the purposes of the act is to provide a

civil emergency preparedness plan for the protection of life and property adequate to cope with disasters resulting from acts of war or sabotage or from natural or man-made causes other than acts of war.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The governing bodies of the political subdivisions of the state are responsible for the civil emergency preparedness of their respective jurisdictions. Each political subdivision is authorized to establish, by ordinance or resolution, a local office of civil emergency preparedness as an agency of the local government. Every local coordinator of civil emergency preparedness is appointed by the governing body, subject to the approval of the state director. The Department of Public Safety's Emergency Planning and Coordination Bureau chief directs and coordinates the civil emergency preparedness activities of all state departments, agencies and political subdivisions.

Currently, the Department of Public Safety's Office of Emergency Management program has only one all-hazards emergency plan to address disasters in New Mexico. A need exists to develop specific emergency disaster plans addressing fires, flooding, bomb explosions, etc.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

The Department of Public Safety would have to assign staff to the developing of guidelines that can be used by local governments for evacuation planning.

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