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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 2-11-06

SPONSOR Ingle LAST UPDATED _____ HB _____

SHORT TITLE Shorten Quail Hunting Season SB SJM72

ANALYST Woods

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

| Appropriation | | Recurring or Non-Rec | Fund Affected |
|---------------|------|-------------------------|------------------|
| FY06 | FY07 | | |
| NFI | NFI | | |

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Joint Memorial 72 requests that the Department of Game and Fish shorten the quail hunting season to eight weeks. There is no appropriation attached to this legislation.

Specifically the memorial notes that:

- the current quail hunting season is too long and, consequently, threatens an ample bird population, especially when combined with the drought conditions plaguing New Mexico; and
- the desert grasslands that is the quail's natural habitat is more fragile than it appears, and a long quail season can be punishing to that environment; and
- the long season also exacerbates the problems that occur when hunters pursue their sport on private property.

The memorial resolves that the department of game and fish be requested to shorten the quail hunting season to eight weeks. The memorial further resolves that a copy of the memorial be transmitted to the director of the department of game and fish.

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