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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

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SHORT TITLE \_\_\_\_\_ SM 2

ANALYST Earnest

### APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY06	FY07		
	NFI		

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

#### Responses Received From

Department of Game and Fish (DGF)

Tourism Department (TD)

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

Senate Memorial 2 requests that the federal government look at improving management of wild horse herds and developing tourism programs at national wild horse territories. The memorial resolves that the Federal government should endeavor to maintain a minimum herd size and use contraception rather than selling excess animals as a means of herd size management. It further resolves that helicopters not be used to round up wild horses.

### FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

None.

### PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

The Tourism Department supports activities and programs that result in increasing the number of tourists visiting New Mexico, a key performance measure for NMTD.

**TECHNICAL ISSUES**

According to the Department of Game and Fish, management of wild horses has some possibility of conflicting with wildlife management. Eliminating round up of wild horses with helicopters helps alleviate concerns of disturbance to wildlife species, especially ungulate species during calving or fawning seasons. Depending on the location of the wild horse territories and the number of horses in each herd, there is a possibility of competition for habitat between wild horses and native ungulate species. Also, contraception methods need to be species specific to wild horses to avoid the risk of affecting non-target wildlife species.

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