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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 2-12-06

SPONSOR Harden LAST UPDATED _____ HB _____

SHORT TITLE Combat Noxious Weed Infestations SM 45

ANALYST Woods

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

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

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to HM47

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Senate Memorial 45

Senate Memorial 45 recognizes the importance of combating noxious weed infestations throughout the state.

Specifically the memorial notes that:

- the land, water and other natural resources of New Mexico are being severely impacted by invasions of noxious weeds; and
- the noxious weeds compete with forage grasses and other plant species important to the economic viability of range livestock production and wildlife management in New Mexico; and
- landowners and users expend ever increasing resources to control noxious weeds; and
- prevention, early detection, rapid response and early eradication are the most effective and least costly strategies against noxious weeds because they combat new invasions before they expand beyond feasible control; and

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- New Mexico has a voluntary weed-free hay program; and
- best practices to prevent and control the rapid spread of noxious weeds are well-established by New Mexico State University and the New Mexico Department of Agriculture; and
- the introduction and spread of noxious weeds often come from outside the agricultural community.

The memorial resolves that the state be encouraged to take action to reverse the trend of increasing invasions, combat noxious weed infestations throughout the state and prevent the introduction of new weeds; and

The legislation further resolves that copies of this memorial be transmitted to the New Mexico Department of Agriculture and New Mexico State University.

There is no appropriation attached to this legislation.

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