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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

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SHORT TITLE Official Answer of New Mexico      SB \_\_\_\_\_

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### APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY07	FY08		
	NFI		

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

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### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of SFI Amendment

Senate Floor Amendment makes “red and green or christmas” the official answer of New Mexico.

#### Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 924 amends Section 12-3-4 NMSA 1978 by adopting the word “christmas” as the official answer of New Mexico.

### SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

If “christmas” is adopted as the official state answer, it will join some of the other symbols used to represent the state, among which are the following:

- The yucca flower is adopted as the official flower of New Mexico.
- The chaparral bird, commonly called roadrunner, is adopted as the official bird of New Mexico.
- The nut pine or pinon tree, scientifically known as Pinus edulis, is adopted as the official tree of New Mexico.
- The native New Mexico cutthroat trout is adopted as the official fish of New Mexico.
- The native New Mexico black bear is adopted as the official animal of New Mexico.

- The chile, the Spanish adaptation of the chilli, and the pinto bean, commonly known as the frijol, are adopted as the official vegetables of New Mexico.
- The turquoise is adopted as the official gem of New Mexico.
- The blue grama grass, scientifically known as *Bouteloua gracillis*, is adopted as the official grass of New Mexico.
- The *Coelophysis* is adopted as the official fossil of New Mexico.
- The bizcochito is adopted as the official cookie of New Mexico.
- The tarantula hawk wasp, scientifically known as *Pepsis formosa*, is adopted as the official insect of New Mexico.
- "Red or green?" is adopted as the official question of New Mexico.
- "The Land of Enchantment" is adopted as the official nickname of New Mexico.
- The Sandia hairstreak is adopted as the official butterfly of New Mexico.
- The New Mexico whiptail lizard, scientifically known as *Cnemidophorus neomexicanus*, is adopted as the official reptile of New Mexico.
- The New Mexico spadefoot toad, scientifically known as *Spea multiplicata*, is adopted as the official amphibian of New Mexico.
- The hot air balloon is adopted as the official aircraft of New Mexico.
- The Cumbres and Toltec scenic railroad is adopted as the official historic railroad of New Mexico."

## **PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS**

All states adopt elements that are common to the area and which are used to represent the state and the pride citizens have in their social and physical environment.

## **AMENDMENT**

Page 3, line 1, after "M." preface the statement with "The word" and spell christmas with a small "c".

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