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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 2/5/07

SPONSOR Steinborn LAST UPDATED _____ HB HJM 26

SHORT TITLE Border Security & Affairs Committee SB _____

ANALYST Peery-Galon

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY07	FY08		
	NFI		

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Responses Received From

Department of Public Safety (DPS)
 Department of Health (DOH)
 New Mexico Environment Department (NMED)

No Response Received From

Border Authority

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Joint Memorial 26 requests that the New Mexico legislature create an interim Border Security and Border Affairs Committee. The committee is to study border issues, including security, health and environment concerns, traditional ranching and agricultural border commerce, and human rights. The committee is to report its findings and make recommendations to the Legislature by January 1, 2009.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

DOH states immigrants that seek health services usually receive them from the department's local health offices, community health centers, or emergency rooms at hospitals financed under indigent care programs or simply at a loss to those institutions. DOH reports as pressure has increased to stem the flow of immigrants and round-up undocumented laborers at work sites, many do not seek health care for fear of apprehension. DOH states if certain conditions go untreated, such as infectious diseases, it poses a health risk to the entire community.

NMED states the interim Border Security and Border Affairs Committee could address the environmental concern of solid waste matters caused by trash disposal from people who cross the border illegally. NMED reports a significant amount of solid waste accumulates from people illegally crossing the border. NMED states the Border Patrol considers trash to be outside its jurisdiction, leaving state, county, local government agencies and property owners to decide who funds trash removal, disposal and site remediation if necessary.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

DOH states the proposed legislation relates to House Joint Memorial 22, which requests that a task force be established to study the nature and extent of human trafficking in New Mexico.

NMED states the proposed legislation relates to House Joint Memorial 6, which calls for the creation of the Coalition Task Force to Combat Illegal Dumping Statewide and House Bill 180, which makes an appropriation to NMED to pay for expenses for the Illegal Dumping Task Force.

TECHNICAL ISSUES

DOH states the proposed legislation could be strengthened by specifying the organizations or groups to be represented in the interim committee, such as the Attorney General, Department of Health, Department of Environment, Economic Development Department and Border Authority, to ensure representation by key groups.

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