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SHORT TITLE	Develop National Immigrant Worker Program			**SB**	
				ANALYST	Schuss

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

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FY07	**FY08**		
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SOURCES OF INFORMATION
LFC Files

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Memorial 15 requests that congress develop and implement a national immigrant worker program.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

Immigrant labor from Mexico has a beneficial effect on New Mexico's economy, it provides an important resource in many industries prevalent in New Mexico. A national immigrant worker program is needed to help facilitate legal access to individuals who are vital in helping to sustain agriculture and other important industries in New Mexico.

A national immigrant worker program would enable border enforcement efforts to focus resources on the apprehension of national security threats, human smugglers and illegal narcotics transfers. The program would help prevent the unnecessary loss of life of undocumented immigrants seeking illegal entry into the United States for employment. A national immigrant worker program must also include provisions to protect workers' rights.

The State of New Mexico requests that the United States Congress take expeditious action developing and implementing a national immigrant worker program.

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