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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

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SPONSOR Sanchez, M. LAST UPDATED _____ HB _____

SHORT TITLE Suicide Prevention Awareness Day SM 66

ANALYST Schuss

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY07	FY08		
	NFI		

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Memorial 66 declares March 7, 2007 “Suicide Prevention Awareness Day” at the Senate.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

Senate Memorial 66 states that the New Mexico Suicide Prevention Coalition would like to thank everyone for supporting suicide prevention efforts in New Mexico, and, together, we are making a difference in the lives of many in our state. New Mexico ranks fifth in the country for all ages and fourth in the country for youth suicides, which is about twice the national suicide rate. Three hundred forty-seven New Mexicans died in 2005 by suicide, one person for nearly every day of the year. It is estimated that for every suicide there are at least six survivors, and many more people are affected by suicide. The Governor has made youth suicide a priority and allocated \$500,000 for three years to increase school-based health centers’ budgets for suicide prevention efforts statewide. The New Mexico Suicide Prevention Coalition and state and private agencies are working in collaboration to spread awareness about suicide warning signs and resources, and together we are saving lives.

The Senate of the State of New Mexico requests that March 7, 2007 be declared “Suicide Prevention Awareness Day” at the Senate.

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