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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 3/11/07

SPONSOR Ortiz Y Pino LAST UPDATED _____ HB _____

SHORT TITLE Establish regional Air Quality Authority SB SM 77

ANALYST Baca

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY07	FY08		
	NFI		

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY07	FY08	FY09	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
Total		Indeterminate			Recurring	General Fund

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SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Memorial 77 encourages the establishment of a regional air quality Authority composed of Bernalillo county, Sandoval county, Valencia county, the city of Albuquerque and other municipalities within the region.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The joint memorial has no fiscal impact. However, establishing and maintaining a regional authority will require recurring but as yet unknown costs that could be borne by local governments and, potentially the state.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The bill recognizes that air quality is important is important to the health and well-being of

individuals and stresses the crucial importance of air quality to growing and heavily populated areas such as the counties of Bernalillo, Sandoval and Valencia and the city of Albuquerque. The cumulative impact of land use, transportation and manufacturing is acknowledged, and these interactions are cited as the reason a regional air quality authority is needed in the region. Additionally, the bill states that air quality can best be achieved through intergovernmental cooperation utilizing a single governmental entity.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

Copies of this memorial are to be transmitted to the boards of commissioners of Bernalillo, Sandoval and Valencia counties and to the governing bodies of the cities of Albuquerque, Bernalillo, Corrales, Rio Rancho, Belen and Los Lunas.

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

A regional air quality may not be formed.

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