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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 1/27/08

SPONSOR King LAST UPDATED \_\_\_\_\_ HJM 26

SHORT TITLE Declaring February 1, 2008 As "School Nutrition Day" SB \_\_\_\_\_

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### APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY08	FY09		
	NFI		

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

House Joint Memorial 26 declares Friday, February 1, 2008, "School Nutrition Day" in the New Mexico Legislature.

The Memorial provides the following statements about the national school lunch program and the national school breakfast programs:

- School nutrition programs provided through the national school lunch program and the national school breakfast program have provided millions of healthy and nutritious meals to children across New Mexico for more than sixty years; and
- School nutrition programs play an important role in helping to ensure that every student in New Mexico starts school ready to learn because a hungry or undernourished child is less likely to be an eager and attentive student; and
- School nutrition programs have demonstrated a commitment in New Mexico to promote children's health, well-being and educational excellence, a primary goal of student success; and
- In New Mexico, two hundred three public, private and bureau of Indian affairs schools serve more than one hundred ninety-seven thousand lunches and one hundred two thousand breakfast meals each school day; and

- New Mexico is ranked number one in students participating in school breakfast programs in the United States;

### **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

No fiscal impact.

### **SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

Many children do not eat a nutritious breakfast every morning. Often families are living on very tight budgets and can't afford to provide good breakfasts at home every day nor the money to buy them at school. Regardless of income, families today live busy lives that often make it difficult to sit down long enough in the morning to eat a nutritious breakfast. Sometimes children are not physically capable of eating breakfast at home when they first wake up. Other children may have long commutes to school or long periods between breakfast at home and school lunch, making breakfast at school an important option. The National School Lunch Program provides school children with one-third or more of their Recommended Dietary Allowance (RDA) for key nutrients. These lunches are required to provide no more than 30 percent of calories from fat and less than 10 percent from saturated fat. USDA research indicates that children who participate in School Lunch have superior nutritional intakes compared to those who do not participate.

### **WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL**

Friday, February 1, 2008, will not be set aside in the he New Mexico Legislature, "School Nutrition Day".

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