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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 1/18/08

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SHORT TITLE “Expand State Capital Recycling” SJM 20

ANALYST Cox

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY08	FY09		
	\$0.1	Recurring	General fund

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

Senate Joint Memorial 20 reminds the Agencies and employees of the New Mexico government of the importance of recycling, whenever possible. This Joint Memorial reminds that the Solid Waste Act was passed in 1990. This Joint Memorial encourages all state employees to recycle paper products, and increase their recycling efforts. It asks for additional recycling bins in convenient locations. It reminds that many tons of recyclable aluminum, plastic and other products are produced yearly. This Joint Memorial requests that more recycling stations be in place by January of 2009. This Joint Resolution requests that all State Agencies send recycling waste plans and worksheets to the Environment Department- Solid Waste Bureau by January 2009. The Joint Memorial further requests that the Public Education system work to improve school recycling education. All Agencies of the New Mexico state government are to be notified.

Since this is a Joint Memorial, it requests no funding

### FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

There are fiscal implications relating to the purchasing of recycling bins, personnel to implement more recycling efforts, and well as manpower to prepare recycling reports for the Environment Department.

## **SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

Senate Joint Memorial 20 states the following:

- The legislature passed the Solid Waste Act in 1990 that requires State government to recycle.
- The Solid Waste Act requires government agencies and the legislature to send recycling plans to the solid waste bureau of the department of environment.
- State capitol employees and legislators have been recycling paper, cardboard boxes and computers and they are starting to recycle aluminum cans and plastic bottles.
- By increasing its recycling, the legislature can set an example for all New Mexicans.
- There should be additional recycling bins located in convenient locations in the state capitol and other government buildings so that recycling can be easy for everyone.
- Many people, including friends, students, have big dreams about creating jobs that help the environment, and recycling industries create new jobs.
- New Mexico needs more recycling plants so that communities can have recycling programs.
- Producing an aluminum can from recycled material saves up to ninety-five percent of the energy needed to produce a can from raw material, thereby reducing the production of greenhouse gases.
- The United States uses more than ninety million tons of paper and paperboard a year and five hundred thousand trees are cut down to make Sunday newspapers.
- Recycling paper and cardboard saves trees for wildlife habitat.
- The average New Mexican generates five pounds of trash per day.
- Recycling saves landfill space and reduces methane gas emissions.
- Plastics and metal trash can cause suffocation, block digestive tracts or cut the mouths of wild creatures who attempt to ingest them.
- Plastic trash can harm wildlife by trapping small animals, entangling the feet of large animals and wrapping around the beaks and necks of birds.
- Recycling makes a cleaner world for people, future generations and wildlife.
- Last year, the United States recycling rate was thirty-two percent, but New Mexicans recycled only ten percent of recyclable materials, which does not send a good message about New Mexico to other people.
- The legislature recognizes that friends and students are working to create model recycling programs at their own schools and for educating others about the importance of recycling.
- The legislature supports recycling in schools and encourages school districts to develop recycling programs in all schools, including placement of recycling bins and pick-up services on school campuses.
- The legislature encourages communities to set up recycling programs, including curbside recycling.
- The Governor has declared New Mexico to be a "green state".
- All New Mexicans should be able to recycle easily.

This Joint Memorial requests the following:

- Recycling by the legislature's members and employees, state and local governments, schools, communities and the public and the development of recycling plants and jobs in New Mexico should be supported.

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- The legislature increase funding to the legislative building services budget to purchase additional recycling bins for paper, aluminum, glass and plastic for the use of the public, employees and legislators.
- Additional recycling services for the state capitol shall be in place no later than January 2009.
- The legislature request all state agencies to send state agency waste reduction and recycling plan worksheets to the solid waste bureau of the department of environment by January 2009.
- The legislature is to request the public education department to work with schools to improve recycling programs in schools.
- Copies of this memorial shall be transmitted to the Legislative Council Service, the House and Senate chief clerks, the office of the Governor, the General Services Department, the Public Education Department and the Department of environment .

### **POSSIBLE QUESTIONS**

What are the costs of recycle bins? How many more recycle bins are necessary? Will there be additional manpower and/or personnel required at ED to implement this Joint Resolution?

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