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SOURCES OF INFORMATION

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SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Joint Memorial 26 requests that New Mexico State University's Family Preservation Institute be requested to prepare family impact statements on a regular basis on legislation it believes may affect, either positively or negatively, families in New Mexico and that it make those family impact statements available to the legislature in coordination with the Legislative Council Service.

This Joint Memorial further requests that copies of this memorial be delivered to the Family Preservation Institute at New Mexico State University and the Director of the Legislative Council Service.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

This Senate Joint Memorial states:

- The family is the basic social and economic unit of society, serving as the primary source of values and education for children and as the catalyst for the development of community and national interests; and
- families generally are able to determine for themselves how best to promote better family functioning; and
- quality family life enhances employee productivity and reduces turnover and absenteeism in school and the workplace; and
- the state has a role in supporting and strengthening the healthy functioning of families by coordinating services and developing policies that support and strengthen families; and
- policymakers should be sensitive to the ethnic diversity of New Mexico and cognizant of differences between rural and urban families and the difficulties rural families have in accessing services; and
- family impact analysis has been employed since the 1980s to evaluate the impact of various public policies on families; and

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- policymakers should consider the impact on families when setting policy, taking care to be sensitive to diversity in family needs and dynamics and to the desire and ability of family members to care for their children, elderly relatives or other family members; and
- policies should promote the opportunity for family members to be together for better family functioning; and
- policies should promote work and community environments that ensure that a family can meet its health, educational, social and economic responsibilities and reinforce the family as the constant in people's lives; and
- the family preservation institute at New Mexico State University is uniquely qualified to assess the impact of various proposed policies on families.

FISCAL IMPACT

There will be an operating budget of an unknown amount to implement the provisions of this joint memorial.

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