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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR:	Mohorovic	DATE TYPED:	02/04/00	HB	34
SHORT TITLE:	Life Sentence for Repeat Offenders			SB	
				ANALYST:	O'Connell

APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY00	FY01	FY0	FY01		
		Unknown		Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates/Conflicts with/Companion to/Relates to

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC files

Administrative Office of the District Attorneys (AODA)

Department of Public Safety (DPS)

Public Defender Department (PDD)

Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 34 amends Section 31-21-10 NMSA 1978 to provide that any person convicted of a capital felony or two violent sexual offenses shall not be eligible for parole and shall remain incarcerated for the entirety of his or her natural life.

FISCAL IMPACT

According to Department of Public Safety analysis, the elimination of parole will increase the length of prison sentences at a substantial increased annual cost. AOC, AODA and PDD report increased costs of litigation as a result of this legislation.

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