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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR:	Gubbels	DATE TYPED:	02/03/00	HB	270
SHORT TITLE:	Develop Pollution Prevention Program			SB	
				ANALYST:	O'Connell

APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY00	FY01	FY00	FY01		
		NFI	NFI		

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

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SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC files

New Mexico Environment Department (NMED)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 270 authorizes the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) to develop and administer a pollution prevention program. In developing and administering the program, NMED may enter into contracts with the federal government and develop rules as needed. Records, reports or information obtained by NMED pursuant to the program shall be public, unless the person furnishing the information request that they remain confidential in order to protect trade secrets. The secretary of NMED shall promulgate a rule to ensure confidentiality in such cases.

Significant Issues

Violation of confidentiality under the rules authorized in this bill is a misdemeanor.

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