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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR: Maes DATE TYPED: 03/01/01 HB _____
 SHORT TITLE: PRC Office Space SB SJM 51
 ANALYST: Carrillo

APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY01	FY02	FY01	FY02		
			NFI		

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

General Services Department

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Joint Memorial 51 directs the General Services Department to identify and negotiate for suitable office space (in the area of the Central Capitol Complex) for the Public Regulatory Commission.

Significant Issues

GSD staff states it is standard practice for the Property Control Division (PCD) to consult with agencies that are being relocated or have new or changing housing needs. If space is leased from a private sector landlord, the agency’s approval is required throughout the lease process - from establishing evaluation criteria for the request for proposals, through approval of lease recorded drawings. If state-owned space is involved, Section 5-3-2 NMSA 1978 requires the PCE director to assign space “which may make the best and highest beneficial use of the property”. It is not standard practice for PCD to report back to the Legislature on this type of issue, but GSD will be happy to do if so requested.

GSD also states it is preferable for all offices of a state agency to be housed in the same location. PCD’s efforts are toward that end, including co-location of offices in campus settings throughout the state to provide improved public access to state facilities.

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Lastly, GSD comments Marian Hall has not yet been sold, and provisions may be included in a sale for state agencies to continue occupancy for a time. The state is also considering purchase of the PERA Building, which would have impact on the PRC.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

None identified at this time.

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