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SPONSOR: Nunez DATE TYPED: 1-31-03 HB 251

SHORT TITLE: Waste Management & Research SB

ANALYST: L. Baca

APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY03	**FY04**	**FY03**	**FY04**		
			NFI		

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates SB 177

Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC FILES

Responses Received From
New Mexico Environment Department (NMED)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 251 creates the Waste Management Education and Research Consortium (WERC), stipulates it shall be a division of New Mexico State University (NMSU) and names the participating institutions that shall comprise the membership.

Significant Issues

HB 251stipulates that participating institutions in the consortium shall be NMSU, the University of New Mexico, New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology, Dine College, Sandia National Laboratories and Los Alamos National Laboratory.

The purposes of the consortium are to engage in theoretical and practical education of research and environmental issues, disseminate knowledge acquired through educational programs and assist in efforts to address environmental and natural resource problems.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

None. WERC already exists. HB 252 makes it a statutory program.