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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR: Jennings DATE TYPED: 03/05/03 HB _____

SHORT TITLE: Per Diem & Mileage For Legislators SB 400

ANALYST: Fernandez

APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY03	FY04	FY03	FY04		
			32.5	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to House Bill 1

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 400 proposes adding one additional day of per diem at the internal revenue service rate for legislators traveling to a location that is one hundred or more miles from the location of the legislator's point of departure when serving on official business for an interim committee.

Significant Issues

As of December 20, 2002, Legislative interim committees include the following: Legislative Council; Legislative Finance Committee; Legislative Education Study Committee; Children's Code Revision Committee; Corrections Oversight & Justice Committee; Economic & Rural Development & Telecommunications Committee; Indian Affairs Committee; Information Technology Oversight Committee; Interim Legislative Ethics Committee, Judicial System Study Committee; Legislative Committee on Compacts; Legislative Health & Human Services Committee; Los Alamos National Laboratory Oversight Committee; Medicaid Reform Committee; Mortgage Finance Authority Act Oversight Committee; New Mexico Finance Authority Oversight Committee; Public School Capital Outlay Task Force; Radioactive & Hazardous Materials Committee; Revenue Stabilization & Tax Policy Committee; Tobacco Settlement Revenue Oversight

Committee; Water & Natural Resources Committee; Welfare Reform Oversight Committee; Senate Rules Committee; Commission on Uniform State Laws; Educational Commission of the States and Organized Crime Oversight Committee.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

This bill does not make an appropriation. However, legislative per diem expenses during the interim would increase depending on location of interim meetings, interim assignments and location of legislator's point of departure.

The current internal revenue service per diem rate is \$145.00 day. If 112 legislators receive 2 additional days of per diem per fiscal year, the cost to implement this bill would be \$32,480. Again, the cost is dependent on location of interim meetings, interim assignments and location of legislator's point of departure so the cost could be less than \$32,480 or could exceed this amount.

RELATIONSHIP

Senate Bill 400 relates to House Bill 1, the Feed Bill, which contains the FY04 appropriation for legislative expenses.

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