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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR: Jennings DATE TYPED: 03/08/03 HB _____
SHORT TITLE: Game Park & Enclosure Requirements SB 789
ANALYST: Valenzuela

APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY03	FY04	FY03	FY04		
	NFI		\$150.0	Non-Recurring	Game Protection Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Department of Game and Fish

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 789 proposes elimination of all language that references private game “parks” and “enclosures” from the statutes [17-4-8 to 17-4-28 NMSA 1978]. The bill provides for private ownership of “game fish” in lakes or bodies of water. The bill makes several grammatical and stylistic changes to the current statute.

Significant Issues

New Mexico is home to 21 licensed Class A Parks (game parks). These parks would likely challenge enactment of Senate Bill 789.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

Senate Bill 789 does not contain an appropriation. DGF reports that it would incur up to \$150.0 in legal costs to defend challenges by game parks.

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