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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

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SHORT TITLE Study Electronic Waste SB \_\_\_\_\_

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### APPROPRIATION (in \$000s)

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY05	FY06	FY05	FY06		
	NFI		Indeterminate	Non-Recurring	indeterminate

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Companion to SJM9

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

#### Responses Received From

Department of Finance and Administration (DFA)

Department of Environment (NMED)

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

House Joint Memorial 3 requests the Secretary of the Department of Environment (NMED) to appoint a task force including representatives from NMED to access the problem of electronic waste.

#### Significant Issues

According to DFA, nationwide, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) reports electronics make up about one percent of the municipal solid waste in landfills and it is growing three times faster than other forms of municipal waste. Of greater concern is the hazardous substances, such as lead, chromium, cadmium, mercury, beryllium, nickel, zinc, polychlorinated biphenyls and bromated flame retardants, that makeup the electronics. These materials may present a danger to the public, to the air and to groundwater of New Mexico. DFA noted that electronic waste can be collected, sorted, treated and disposed of as hazardous waste but the method

of disposal is costly. Rather than go this route, many states are implementing electronic recycling programs as a viable option to keep electronic waste out of landfills. Numerous private industries are now offering collection and recycling services at no charge when collection and transportation are organized by public entities. The Memorial seeks to identify recycling options and opportunities that might exist for in the State.

**FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

The Department of Environment indicated that the department may have incidental costs associated with carrying out the task force such as: Staff time and per diem to travel to out-of-town meetings; data collection through surveys and site visits; copying and document distribution.

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