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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Moore ORIGINAL DATE 1/23/07
LAST UPDATED _____ HB HJM 7
SHORT TITLE Study State's Responses to Severe Weather SB _____
ANALYST Wilson

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY07	FY08	FY09	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
Total		Minimal				

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Joint Memorial 7 requests the New Mexico Legislative Council to direct the appropriate interim committee to study and take testimony of state and local governmental agencies to adequately respond accurately to severe weather.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

Any anticipated cost can be handled within existing budget

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

New Mexicans endured severe flooding and snowstorms in the last several months, and it is certain that similarly severe weather events will occur in the future.

In most cases state and local public safety, public works and public health agencies responded well to those severe weather events, it was apparent that a lack of preparation, poor communication, inadequate interagency and intergovernmental coordination, and other shortcomings hindered the response.

Government's fundamental responsibility is to ensure the public's safety.

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It is in the public interest that New Mexicans and visitors to the state are timely and accurately informed about changing weather and environmental conditions, properly directed to safety, appropriately instructed about action to take and, if necessary, provided appropriate and timely aid and comfort.

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