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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 2/19/2007

SPONSOR Hall LAST UPDATED _____ HB HJM 56

SHORT TITLE 4-H and Future Farmers of America SB _____

ANALYST Schuss

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY07	FY08		
	NFI		

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Joint Memorial 56 declares Thursday, February 15, 2007 as “4-H and Future Farmers of America Day” at the legislature.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

House Joint Memorial 56 states that 4-H Youth Development and Future Farmers of America programs have been the premier youth leadership programs in New Mexico for more than eighty years. 4-H Youth Development and Future Farmers of America programs sponsor chapters and clubs in rural and urban areas throughout the state. Over ninety thousand youths between the ages of five and twenty-one participate in the 4-H Youth Development and Future Farmers of America programs statewide.

HJM 56 comments further that 4-H Youth Development and Future Farmers of America programs are diverse, emphasizing thirty-five life skills, including leadership, responsible citizenship, critical thinking, decision making, conflict resolution, respecting others and effective communication, which directly contribute to the successful transition of young people into productive adults. They are involved in partnerships throughout New Mexico with volunteer efforts involving almost six thousand volunteers contributing over two hundred sixty-eight thousand hours of volunteer service to the youth of the state, which service, if it were provided by paid staff would have cost almost five million dollars.

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4-H Youth and Future Farmers of America participants reported that being a part of those organizations gave them greater confidence and positive self identity, gave them greater control over events in their lives by enabling them to make decisions on their own, set goals and take responsibility for their actions and gave them pride and a sense of purpose and meaning in life. It is requested by the Legislature of the State of New Mexico that Thursday, February 15, 2007, be declared “4-H and Future Farmers of America Day” at the legislature.

DUPLICATION

Duplicates SJM 41

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