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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

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SPONSOR Varela LAST UPDATED _____ HB HJM 60

SHORT TITLE Examine State Employee On-Site Child Care SB _____

ANALYST Guambaña

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY07	FY08		
	NFI		

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

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SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Joint Memorial 60 requests that the New Mexico Legislative Council direct the appropriate legislative interim committee to examine the issues of child care as they relate to state employees and the citizens of New Mexico.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

According to House Joint Memorial 60:

- There is a lack of adequate daycare facilities, particularly those that care for infants under age two in Santa Fe and other metropolitan areas of the state;
- The state of New Mexico is committed to addressing those issues surrounding the employment and retention of women, minorities, and others who may find a lack of adequate child care to be a detriment to employment;
- On-site, employee-run or employer-provided daycare centers, in both private and public organizations, are a large factor in attracting and retaining employees and prove to be a source of employee satisfaction;
- On-site child care provides significant cost savings to organizations as well as to the state;
- On-site, employee-run or employer-provided daycare centers provide peace of mind for parents and quality care for children; and

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- The children of New Mexico, including the children of employees of the state of New Mexico, are the state's greatest resource.

House Joint Memorial 60 requests that:

- The appropriate legislative interim committee examine methods to foster nonprofit partnerships with state government to provide on-site child care to state government employees and to the citizens of New Mexico in order to relieve the shortage of child care statewide and to retain qualified and valuable government employees by providing them with adequate child care options;
- The appropriate legislative interim committee examine methods to finance capital projects designed to create and maintain on-site child care centers at state government agencies that provide services to state government employees and the citizens of New Mexico;
- The pilot project for on-site child care at the New Mexico department of transportation run by Kids Under Konstruction, a nonprofit corporation created and managed by employees of the department, be recognized as a valuable project for the state of New Mexico; and
- A copy of this memorial be transmitted to the New Mexico Legislative Council.

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