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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 02/05/10

SPONSOR Jennings LAST UPDATED _____ HB _____

SHORT TITLE Limit Governor's Messages, CA SJR 15

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ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY10	FY11	FY12	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
Total	\$104.0*	NFI	NFI	\$104.0	Non- Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

* See Fiscal Implications below

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Joint Resolution 15 proposes to amend article 4, section 5 of the Constitution of New Mexico to limit the number of special messages issued by the Governor to no more than twenty-five messages for the House of Representatives and twenty-five messages for the Senate for bills that may be considered during a regular session of an even-numbered year.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The Secretary of State, as the Chief Elections Officer is mandated to publish all constitutional amendments in both English and Spanish in a newspaper in every county statewide. The cost for the 2008 General Election was \$520,000 for five constitutional amendments. The cost breakdown is estimated at \$104,000 per constitutional amendment.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

Senate Joint Resolution 15 would constitutionally limit the number of Governor's messages during thirty day sessions of the Legislature to a maximum number of 25 messages to each chamber.

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