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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 02/04/11

SPONSOR Irwin LAST UPDATED _____ HJM 26

SHORT TITLE Disease-Resistant Chile Development SB _____

ANALYST Aguilar

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY11	FY12		
	NFI		

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

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SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Joint Memorial 26 requests the board of regents of New Mexico State University assist and support local chile farmers in the development of disease-resistant strains of chile using promising technology and methods.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

HJM-26 has no direct fiscal implications. Research relating to developing and improving the disease resistance various strains of chile is ongoing at the college of agriculture and the Chile Pepper Institute at New Mexico State University.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The New Mexico chile association reports that chile production provides approximately four thousand full- and part-time jobs and contributes about \$465 million annually to the New Mexico economy.

New Mexico's chile acreage has declined by two-thirds from its peak in 1992, when thirty-four thousand five hundred acres were grown in New Mexico, to 2008, when only eleven thousand one hundred acres were grown in the state.

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New Mexico chile farmers have had considerable difficulty dealing with chile plant diseases such as phytophthora, verticillium, rootknot nematodes, bacterial leafspot and beet curly top and it appears that disease-resistant varieties of chile are not available to New Mexico farmers.

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