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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 02/28/11

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SHORT TITLE Natural Gas as a Transportation Fuel Study SB

ANALYST Hoffmann

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY11	FY12		
	NFI		

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Memorial 41 requests that the state's higher education institutions participate in various roles in a study of the impact of increased use of natural gas as a transportation fuel.

The proposed memorial includes citations on the current use and availability of natural gas as a transportation fuel, and the potential benefits to the New Mexico economy as well as the nation's energy security as a result of increasing its use. A potential favorable environmental impact from lowered greenhouse gas and particulate emissions is also mentioned.

The memorial proposes a convergent effort for reporting by the state's higher education institutions on the issues associated with increased use of natural gas as a transportation fuel.

- The UNM Law School would be requested to report on the potential liability and litigation issues.
- The Arrowhead Center at New Mexico State University would be requested to report on infrastructure issues.
- Eastern New Mexico University, Western New Mexico University and New Mexico Highlands University would be asked to offer suggestions on how to facilitate its use

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- The memorial directs that the reports be submitted to the appropriate interim legislative committees by November 1, 2011.

Finally, the memorial directs that copies of the memorial be sent to the New Mexico universities from which reports are requested.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

House Memorial 41 does not make any appropriations.

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