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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 03/02/11

SPONSOR Martinez, R. LAST UPDATED \_\_\_\_\_ HB \_\_\_\_\_

SHORT TITLE Change Radioactive Committee Purpose SB 440

ANALYST Aledo

### 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

New Mexico Environment Department (NMED)

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 440 amends the findings and purpose section of the Radioactive and Hazardous Materials Act to include examination of critical energy issues relating to the environment and review of environmental policies and the administration of these policies. SB 440 also specifies that in deliberation of issues the Committee may also consider an issue's adverse effect on the state's economy. Finally the bill changes the name of the committee from the Joint Interim Legislative Radioactive and Hazardous Materials Committee to the Joint Interim Legislative Energy and Environment Committee.

### SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The New Mexico Environment Department provided the following information:

The Radioactive and Hazardous Materials Act was enacted two decades before the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant ("WIPP") was opened, and six years before New Mexico received authorization from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to implement the federal hazardous waste regulatory and oversight programs. The Act appropriately authorized the committee to examine issues primarily related to WIPP, uranium mill tailing, and hazardous waste management. Since then, WIPP has opened and New Mexico has

grown a mature hazardous waste program. Especially in recent years, the committee has examined a wider range of issues during the interim legislative session, including emerging energy policy and the administrative processes of environmental regulation, especially permitting. SB 440 recognizes the committee's evolution over the years.

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