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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR:	Knauer	DATE TYPED:	02/07/00	HB	HJM 64
SHORT TITLE:	"Visibility" Issues in New Homes			SB	
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APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY00	FY01	FY00	FY01		
		NFI	NFI		

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates SJM 24

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Governor's Committee on the Concerns of the Handicapped (GCCH)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

HJM 64 directs GCCH to create a task-force to study the issue of "visibility" in new home construction in New Mexico. The task-force would be composed of representatives from the disabled community, home builders, architects, and zoning officials. According to GCCH, the task force would look at the problems mobility impaired people, both young and old, face in visiting family, friends and/or school mates due to architectural barriers such as steps and narrow doors.

Significant Issues

The barriers often cause people with mobility impairment to become isolated. "Visibility"

is a concept that the very basics of new home construction would include: one no-step entrance (at any location) to a home, 36" doors and a usable bathroom along an accessible routes. GCCH

noted that such new home features would allow people with disabilities to purchase, lease or rent homes without having to make much more expensive retrofit accessibility modifications.

CONFLICT/DUPLICATION/COMPANIONSHIP/RELATIONSHIP

HJM 64 duplicates SJM 24.

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