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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR:	Maes	DATE TYPED:	1/24/00	HB	
SHORT TITLE:	Amending a Section of the 1999 Public Accountancy Act			SB	31
				ANALYST:	Valdes

APPROPRIATION

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

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

REVENUE

Estimated Revenue		Subsequent Years Impact	Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY00	FY01			

(Parenthesis () Indicate Revenue Decreases)

Duplicates/Conflicts with/Companion to/Relates to

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Regulation and Licensing Department

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

The bill lowers the minimum Certified Public Accountant (CPA) ownership of a CPA firm from (60%) to simple majority (51%). This will enable CPA firms to offer ownership interest to active participants in the firm at a level that will still preserve licensee control.

Significant Issues

The bill will enable CPA firms to offer ownership interests to employees, which will enable firms to better compete in the market. The New Mexico Board of Accountancy and the New Mexico Society of Certified Public Accountants support this legislation.

This bill advocates a CPA firm ownership requirement that parallels the current national standard, as represented by the Uniform Accountancy Act, jointly drafted by the National Association of State Boards of Accountancy and the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

N.A.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

N.A.

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