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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR: Adair DATE TYPED: 2/12/01 HB _____
 SHORT TITLE: Exempt NM From Daylight Savings Time SB 555
 ANALYST: Wilson

APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY01	FY02	FY01	FY02		
	NFI				

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC files

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

SB 555 exempts New Mexico from daylight savings time.

Significant Issues

The State of New Mexico currently goes on daylight savings time in April and returns to mountain standard time in October. With the exception of Arizona, the rest of the nation follows this changing of the clock. Every April New Mexico moves the clock forward one hour and therefore makes it lighter at the end of the day and darker in the early morning. Several groups, especially those in the agriculture industry, find it difficult to change and live under daylight savings time. There is also the burden of changing all the clocks twice a year. Other people prefer to have the light later in the evening and to be in sync with 48 other states.

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