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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR: Rodriguez DATE TYPED: 03/12/01 HB _____
 SHORT TITLE: Santa Fe School and Library Impact Fees SB SJM - 81
 ANALYST: Padilla

APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY01	FY02	FY01	FY02		
			\$ 100.0	Non-recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Joint Memorial 81 requests the Local Government Division of the Department of Finance and Administration to assist the city and county of Santa Fe in conducting a study of the need to impose impact fees to support schools and library services. The memorial asks that the study address how the imposition of impact fees would affect housing prices and also asks for recommendations on how impact fees could be collected.

Significant Issues

The memorial notes that the rapid growth experienced by the city and county of Santa Fe has placed great demands on schools and libraries.

"Impact fees" are a charge or assessment imposed by a municipality or county on new development in order to generate revenue for funding or recouping the costs of capital improvements or facility expansions necessitated by and attributable to the new development.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

This is a memorial and contains no appropriation. However, the study requested by the memorial appears to quite technical in nature and would require considerable staff or contract resources. It is estimated that \$100.0 in general fund resources would be required.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

DFA's Local Government Division will not receive any resources to conduct this study. It is unclear, however, whether the Local Government Division has the resources and expertise needed for the project. The Financial Management Bureau of the Local Government Division is primarily tasked with the review and approval of the budgets of all municipalities and counties in the state. It would not be prudent to divert resources from this activity.

POSSIBLE QUESTIONS

1. Would an appropriation to DFA's Local Government Division for contractual services be a better option for securing the needed study?

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