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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR:	Madalena	DATE TYPED:	02/15/00	HB	478/aHENRC/aH AFC/aHFL#1
SHORT TITLE:	Liquid Waste Fund and Fees			SB	
				ANALYST:	O'Connell

APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY00	FY01	FY00	FY01		
		See Narrative	See Narrative	Recurring	New

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

REVENUE

Estimated Revenue		Subsequent Years Impact	Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY00	FY01			
See Narrative	See Narrative		Recurring	New
See Narrative	See Narrative		Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Revenue Decreases)

Duplicates/Conflicts with/Companion to/Relates to

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC files

New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) analysis

SUMMARY

Synopsis of House Floor Amendment

The House Floor Amendment strikes the HAFC Amendments.

Synopsis of House Appropriations and Finance Committee Amendments

The House Appropriations and Finance Committee amendment strikes the HENRC amendment (rescinding the fee comparability clause) and strikes the creation of Liquid Waste Fund and the appropriation clause.

Synopsis of House Environment and Natural Resources Committee Amendment

The House Environment and Natural Resources Committee amendment provides that fees adopted by the Environmental Improvement Board shall not be greater than the average charged by states contiguous to New Mexico for similar permits and services.

Synopsis of Original Bill

House Bill 478 gives the Department of Environment the authority to collect on-site liquid waste system fees and creates the Liquid Waste Fund into which the fees will be deposited. The Environmental Improvement Board would have the authority to set the fees.

Significant Issues

House Bill 478 creates a new nonreverting fund, the Liquid Waste Fund.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The generation of liquid waste fees for appropriation to the Department could potentially result in general fund dollars becoming available for the management of the liquid waste program. The fee-based revenue stream cannot be estimated until the Environmental Improvement Board sets the fees.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

The generation of liquid waste fees could also allow the Department to devote more resources to the process of inspecting and permitting on-site liquid waste systems.

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