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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

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| SPONSOR: | Madalena | DATE TYPED: | 02/09/00 | HB | HJM 58 |
| SHORT TITLE: | Indiscriminate Killing of Cougars | | | SB | |
| | | | | ANALYST: | Valenzuela |

APPROPRIATION

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

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates SJM 37

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Department of Game and Fish (DGF)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Joint Memorial 58 requests the State Game Commission and the Department of Game and Fish to discontinue its plans to kill cougars. Rather, it requests the commission to implement proactive scientific approaches of preserving the endangered desert bighorn sheep populations.

Significant Issues

Last year, the State Game Commission approved a rule to kill 34 cougars each year, in an effort to preserve bighorn sheep populations throughout New Mexico. The joint memorial indicates that simply killing cougars is not an effective mechanism to the predation problem and indicates that the agency has not pursued all options in this regard.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

House Joint Memorial 58 does not contain an appropriation and would not have a fiscal or administrative impact on the DGF.

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