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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

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SHORT TITLE:	Study Wildlife Violator Compact			SB	SJM 16
				ANALYST:	Valenzuela

APPROPRIATION

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

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

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SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Department of Game and Fish (DGF)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Joint Memorial 16 requests an interim legislative committee to study the opportunity for New Mexico to join the Wildlife Violator Compact, which is an agreement between western states for cooperation to apprehend and prosecute wildlife criminals.

Significant Issues

The national association of fish and wildlife agencies created the Wildlife Violator Compact to address a serious problem in game management, i.e., the lack of communication between states on illegal hunting. Ten states have joined the compact, including all of New Mexico's neighboring states with the exception of Texas. The compact establishes policies and procedures enabling states to share information on licensees who have had their licenses revoked in other states for wildlife crimes.

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