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### FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR:	McSorley	DATE TYPED:	02/09/00	HB	
SHORT TITLE:	Indiscriminate Killing of Cougars			SB	SJM 37
				ANALYST:	Valenzuela

### APPROPRIATION

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

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates HJM 58

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Department of Game and Fish (DGF)

## **SUMMARY**

### Synopsis of Bill

Senate Joint Memorial 37 requests the State Game Commission and the Department of Game and Fish (DGF) 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 the preserve bighorn sheep populations throughout New Mexico.

## **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

Senate Joint Memorial 37 does not contain an appropriation and would not have a fiscal or administrative impact on DGF.

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