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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR:	Pinto	DATE TYPED:	02-14-00	HB	
SHORT TITLE:	Teacher Licensure Requirements			SB	SM 36
				ANALYST:	Baca

APPROPRIATION

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

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates HJM 32

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

State Department of Education (SDE)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Memorial 36 proposes that all who seek licesure or licensure renewal (certification or re-certification) in New Mexico, complete two courses in cultural diversity, one of which is New Mexico History.

Significant Issues

The analysis prepared by SDE staff states the SBE is in the 3rd year of a 5-year project to revise all lincensure and endorsement competencies. According to the SDE analysis, "the study called for in HJM 32 should assist institutions of higher education in designing the courses to deliver the competencies."

The SDE analysis points out the SBE does not "prescribe" courses for lincensure renewal or the content of individual professional development plans. SDE suggests that the memorial's proposal be aligned with current SBE policies.

While not addressed in its analysis, it is presumed that SDE is involving "diverse educators" in its process to revise lincensure requirements - as is the practice usually utilized by the agency in its review and development of policies and regulations.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

None. SDE is currently involved in the process.

POSSIBLE QUESTIONS

Has the SBE ever required specific courses for licensure renewal, e.g., reading courses in the teaching of reading? Reading for secondary school teachers?

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