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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR: Nunez DATE TYPED: 02/14/01 HB 499
 SHORT TITLE: Control of Pink Bollworm Infestation SB _____
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APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY01	FY02	FY01	FY02		
	NFI				

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates SB484

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Commission on Higher Education (CHE)
 New Mexico Department of Agriculture (NMDA)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 499 enacts the Pink Bollworm Control Act to provide for the eradication of the cotton insect *Pectinophora Gossypiella*.

Significant Issues

According to NMDA, cotton is a \$39 million dollar industry in New Mexico. Currently, pink bollworm infestations are causing damages in Dona Ana, Luna, Sierra, Eddy and Chaves counties. NMDA monitors infestations in New Mexico and other states and reports that pink bollworm eradication programs are successful in California.

NMDA reports the United States Department of Agriculture encourages eradication programs and is willing to provide federal assistance to states with legislative authority in place.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

NMDA indicates that costs can be absorbed by the current budget.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

NMDA is responsible for conducting public hearings, designating pink bollworm infested areas, budget preparation for hearings and referendums, holding referendums and providing technical support and advice for eradication plans.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

According to NMDA, if the pink bollworm is not eradicated in New Mexico and surrounding cotton producing states achieve eradication, harvest equipment and raw cotton products grown in New Mexico may be subject to federal and state quarantines.

DUPLICATION

This bill duplicates SB484.

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