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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR: Salazar DATE TYPED: 02/19/01 HB 591
 SHORT TITLE: Promote NM Apples SB _____
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APPROPRIATION

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

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates/Relates to Appropriation in The General Appropriation Act Duplicates SB 394

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Department of Agriculture

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

HB 591 repeals the Apple Commission Act and transfers assets and obligations to the New Mexico Department of Agriculture.

Significant Issues

The Department of Agriculture is currently promoting New Mexico apples. The assets of the New Mexico Apple Commission would increase this promotion.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

According to the Department of Agriculture, apple promotion will increase by 25%.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The Department of Agriculture assumes all the obligations of the New Mexico Apple Commission. It is unknown if outstanding debts or legal liabilities exist.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

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According to the Department Of agriculture, their staff have been working on apple promotions. Existing staff will continue work to promote, sell, and market New Mexico apples. The estimated \$22,000 will be spent directly on promotion of apples.

POSSIBLE QUESTIONS

What kind of obligations does the Department of Agriculture assume?

Is the New Mexico Apple Commission going to get sued?

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