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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR: Madalena DATE TYPED: 02/25/01 HB HJM 60
 SHORT TITLE: Pipeline Inspection and Maintenance SB _____
 ANALYST: Valenzuela

APPROPRIATION

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

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to SM 12 and HB 279

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files
 U.S. Governmental Accounting Office (GAO) Report

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Joint Memorial 60 requests the U.S. Congress to review the pipeline safety standards in federal law to ensure a pipeline owner practices effective and continual maintenance of the pipeline.

Significant Issues

The issue has become a key priority in Congress and in the New Mexico Legislature since pipeline explosions in Washington and New Mexico killed a total of 15 people. A report by GAO released in June revealed that the rate of pipeline accidents is increasing by four percent a year. This is due in part to aging infrastructure. Almost a quarter of gas transmission pipelines are more than 50 years old. The report also found that the federal Office of Pipeline Safety had not implemented 22 statutory requirements, including 12 provisions from 1992 or earlier.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

House Joint Memorial 60 does not carry an appropriation.

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