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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR: Komadina DATE TYPED: 2/15/01 HB _____
 SHORT TITLE: “Bone & Joint Decade” SB SJM-39
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APPROPRIATION

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

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

SJM-39 proposes to recognize the years 2001 through 2010 as the “Bone and Joint Decade”

Significant Issue

Musculoskeletal conditions:

- Cost \$215,000,000.0 per year.
- Rank as the number one medical affliction for both men and women.
- Deprive children of normal development.

SJM-39 acknowledges that:

- Carrie Tingley hospital has provided superior health care to children suffering from musculoskeletal impairments.
- Musculoskeletal research is on the cusp of breakthroughs which will simplify the way bone disorders are treated.
- Many countries have joined together to recognize the decade as the “Bone and Joint Decade”.

SJM-39 requests that the memorial be transmitted to the NM orthopaedic society and Carrie Tingley hospital as expression of appreciation.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

The following are selected statistical highlights from *Musculoskeletal Conditions in the U.S.*, published by the [American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons](#), Rosemont, Ill., 1999:

- Musculoskeletal conditions rank number 1 in:
 - visits to physicians' offices

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- impairments associated with disabilities
- Approximately 1 in every 7 Americans has a musculoskeletal impairment.
- The number of persons incurring musculoskeletal injuries numbers 28.6 million annually-accounting for more than ½ of all injuries in one year.
- Musculoskeletal conditions and injuries account for more than 3 million hospitalizations annually.
- Musculoskeletal conditions and injuries account for 130.7 million visits to physicians' offices and hospital outpatient and emergency departments every year.
- More than 5.7 million hospitalizations or patient visits result in 7.3 million musculoskeletal procedures performed by physicians every year.
- Arthritis is the leading chronic condition reported by the elderly.
- Back or spine impairments are the most prevalent musculoskeletal impairments.
- Sprains or dislocations and fractures account for almost one-half of all musculoskeletal injuries.
- As the U.S. population ages, musculoskeletal impairments will increase 30 % because they are most prevalent in the older segments of the population.

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