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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR: Ruiz DATE TYPED: 02/01/01 HB HJM 26
 SHORT TITLE: Establish Task Force on Employment SB _____
 ANALYST: Taylor

APPROPRIATION

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

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

SUMMARY

Synopsis of House Joint Memorial

House Joint Memorial 26, asserts:

- there are more 205,000 New Mexicans of working age, and 70 percent are unemployed;
- New Mexicans are entitled to gainful employment opportunities to contribute to society and their personal well being;
- society places a high value on work, but does not provide disabled persons with adequate accessibility to the workforce;
- disabled persons face significant barriers to meaningful and gainful employment;
- there are employment services that can provide effective support to disabled persons seeking employment opportunities;
- disabled persons who are employed contribute to the state's economy and tax base;
- effective government promotes public-private collaboration to ensure effective resource use.

It requests the New Mexico Department of Labor to develop an employment task force to develop a cooperative employment initiative for disable persons. The task force would include representatives from the Department of Health, the State Department of Education's Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, the Developmental Disabilities Planning Council, the Human Services Department, the Governor's Committee on the Concerns of the Handicapped, the Commission for the Blind, the Commission for the Deaf and Hard-of-hearing, the State Department on Aging, the Indian Behavioral Health Council, the Governor's Mental Health Planning Council, the Social Security Administration, employer groups that advocate for disabled employment opportunities, disabled service providers, and disabled persons and their families. The task force would be requested to prepare a report

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identifying barriers, problems and recommendations for providing employment services to disabled persons. Findings would be presented to the appropriate interim committee prior to the forty-fifth legislature.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

HJM 26 has no immediate fiscal impact.

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