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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR: Regensberg DATE TYPED: 02/21/01 HB HJM 45  
 SHORT TITLE: 1856 Records of NM & Colorado Land Grants SB \_\_\_\_\_  
 ANALYST: Dotson

### APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY01	FY02	FY01	FY02		
	None				None

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates SJM 47

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Secretary of State

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

HJM 45 requests the US Congress to provide access to records of New Mexico and southern Colorado land grants.

#### Significant Issues

A significant discrepancy exist regarding the number of land grants in New Mexico and southern Colorado. Providing access to the archives may resolve the questions concerning an estimated 719 land grants which remain unaccounted for, despite evidence of their existence.

Clarifying the historic record would bring understanding regarding ancestral properties. New findings would bring accuracy to the debate of potential injustices regarding ancestral properties.

New findings could be a basis for potential displacement of current landholders.

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