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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT



SPONSOR: Cisneros DATE TYPED: 02/11/02 HB _____

SHORT TITLE: “Operation Avalanche” SM 22

ANALYST: Belmares

APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY02	FY03	FY02	FY03		
	NFI				

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Department of Public Safety (DPS)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Memorial

Senate Memorial 22 recognizes and congratulates participants in “Operation Avalanche,” a combined and coordinated federal, state and local law enforcement effort in Taos County.

Significant Issues

SM 22 cites the willingness and ability of various local, state and federal law enforcement agencies to work together for “Operation Avalanche.” “Operation Avalanche” was planned and implemented over a period of 16 months, with federal, state and local law enforcement personnel accruing over 1,600 overtime hours associated with “Operation Avalanche.” SM 22 also cites a 65 percent reduction in the crime rate resulting from the operation.

SM 22 recognizes the following specific persons and organization for their participation and achievement associated with the operation:

- special agents J. D. Shelton and Matthew McCullough of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI);
- Special Agent Mike Webster of the federal Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA);
- Donald Gallegos, District Attorney for the Eight Judicial District;

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- the Special Investigation Division (SID) of the New Mexico State Police and the State Police officers of Region 3;
- the sheriffs and their deputies of the Taos and Santa Fe sheriff departments;
- Chief Frank Gallegos and Chris Oskins of the Questa Police Department; and
- the police departments of the cities of Taos, Santa Fe, Espanola and Los Alamos.

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