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SPONSOR Altamirano   **DATE TYPED** 2/13/04   **HB** _____

SHORT TITLE Unemployment Claims Adjudication   **SB** 100/aSFl#1

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APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY04	**FY05**	**FY04**	**FY05**		
			See Narrative		

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SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From
New Mexico Labor Department (NMDOL)

SUMMARY

   Synopsis of SFl Amendment

The Senate Floor amendment to Senate Bill 100 strikes the emergency clause from the bill.

   Synopsis of Original Bill

Senate Bill 100 expands the role of the NMDOL secretary in unemployment insurance (UI) claims adjudication to affirm, remand, reverse, or modify decisions made by a hearing officer. Currently, the secretary only has the power to affirm or remand a decision. Additionally, the bill limits the people who can sit in on an administrative or adjudicatory process. This bill contains an emergency clause.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no fiscal implications associated with this bill.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

Currently, in order to reverse or modify an UI decision, the claim must be referred to the board of review, which delays the processing of the claim by 30-45 days. Implementation of this bill will increase the efficiency of the UI claims adjudication process. NMDOL estimates the processing time for 250-300 claims will be reduced by 30-45 days.

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