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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Feldman DATE TYPED 1/22/04 HB \_\_\_\_\_

SHORT TITLE Develop NM Recycling Plan SB SJM 6

ANALYST Wilson

### APPROPRIATION

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

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

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### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

Senate Joint Memorial 6 requests the Environment Department (ED), in cooperation with the Economic Development Department (EDD) and the New Mexico Recycling Coalition, to develop a written strategic plan for transforming the economics of recycling in New Mexico.

The bill requests ED to present the report to the appropriate interim legislative committee by December 1, 2004.

#### Significant Issues

- Solid waste disposal sites and illegal dumping might potentially harm ground water resources in New Mexico.
- Maintaining and developing new landfills is costly and stressful for local communities.
- Forest thinning projects, the current bark beetle epidemic and the removal of non-native trees along watercourses have created an immediate need to develop markets to encourage the production of value-added products from tree waste.

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- Few recycling and waste diversion options are available to communities in New Mexico. The state's recycling rate is under 10% and the waste diversion rate is 25%.
- The construction and demolition industry is responsible for 30% of the landfill waste in New Mexico.
- Recycling and waste diversion options are limited by the lack of local markets and manufacturing enterprises that use waste commodities as feedstock. Integrated waste management planning that emphasizes recycling and waste diversion will develop recycling markets, feedstock manufacturing enterprises and promote job growth.
- New markets and business opportunities will provide waste diversion options to communities across the state and ultimately support the local tax base.
- Increased recycling and waste diversion will reduce pollution and promote more efficient use of natural resources.

### **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

SJM 6 will require ED and EDD to allocate some financial resources to produce the required report. The requested report falls within the mission of these agencies and the fiscal implications are not significant.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

SJM 6 will require ED and EDD to allocate some staff resources to produce the required report. The requested report falls within the mission of these agencies and the administrative implications are not significant.

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