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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Neville **DATE TYPED** 02/11/05 **HB** _____

SHORT TITLE Expand Retiree Health Eligibility **SB** 296

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APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY05	FY06	FY05	FY06		
			See narrative		

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

New Mexico Retiree Health Care Authority (RHCA)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

This bill would allow “former participating employer governing authority members” who have served a participating employer for at least four years to participate in the RHCA program and requires them to pay monthly premiums of one-twelfth of the annual cost of claims and administration allocated to the member by the board, plus the monthly participation fee set by the board, as was enacted for legislators in the 2003 session.

Significant Issues

“Former participating employer governing authority members” are typically former members of school boards, city councils, and county commissions.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

Since this new class of eligible retirees would pay 100% of their costs under the RHCA program, it is not anticipated that there would be any fiscal implications for this agency or retiree health care fund.

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL?

These former governing authority members would remain ineligible for RHCA coverage.

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