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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Nava DATE TYPED 03-09-05 HB _____

SHORT TITLE “ENLACE New Mexico Day” SB SM9

ANALYST Woods

APPROPRIATION

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

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

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SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Memorial 9 – Declaring March 3, 2005 as “ENLACE New Mexico Day” in the Senate – notes that:

- New Mexico has a rich multicultural heritage that is rooted in its unique history;
- New Mexico’s Latino students and communities contribute to the multicultural heritage of the state and with improved educational attainment, represent a significant promise for a bright economic future for the state;
- data from the public education department, the commission on higher education and the national center for education statistics illustrate a significant achievement gap between Latino students and other student groups in New Mexico public schools;
- this achievement gap results in considerable economic and social costs to the state of New Mexico as a result of high Latino student dropout rates with almost half of Latino students in New Mexico not graduating from high school;

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- ENLACE New Mexico, “Engaging Latino Communities for Education”, was established with the assistance of a grant awarded by the W. K. Kellogg foundation as part of a national initiative to improve the educational participation and graduation rates of Latino students through enhanced community involvement;
- ENLACE New Mexico has created a *Framework for Success*, which outlines effective educational methods in classes, schools and communities where Latino students are gaining educational success; and
- ENLACE New Mexico is dedicated to the goal of improving Latino student achievement and reducing achievement gaps.

The memorial resolves that March 3, 2005 be declared “ENLACE New Mexico Day” in the senate and that recognition be extended to ENLACE New Mexico for its service in recognizing that by increasing opportunities for academic achievement, school completion and engagement in higher education, ENLACE New Mexico continues to improve educational opportunities and results for Latino students.

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