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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 3/5/2007

SPONSOR Wallace LAST UPDATED \_\_\_\_\_ HB HJM 77

SHORT TITLE Native Plant Day SB \_\_\_\_\_

ANALYST Schuss

### APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY07	FY08		
	NFI		

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

House Joint Memorial 77 requests that the Governor designate September 23, 2007 as “Native Plant Day” in New Mexico.

### SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

House Joint Memorial 77 states that the State of New Mexico contains a greater number of plant habitats than nearly any other state in the United States, from Chihuahuan Desert to Alpine Tundra. New Mexico also supports a larger number of native plant species than nearly any other state in the United States, and some of these species are found nowhere else on earth. These native plants support a great variety of birds and animals, both native and domestic, and the modern way of life inadvertently destroys natural habitats and introduces noxious weeds, which in turn replace native forage, which is the state’s natural heritage. Every season, New Mexicans enjoy the beauty and variety of these native plants, from sunflowers and purple asters to cacti and exotic yucca plants. There is increasing concern that many of these native plants may be destroyed or eradicated because they are not well-known.

The Legislature of the State of New Mexico requests that the Governor designate September 23, 2007 as “Native Plant Day” in New Mexico to showcase the natural heritage of plants that New Mexico provides for its residents and visitors.

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