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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 3/12/07

SPONSOR Lujan, B LAST UPDATED _____ HM 95

SHORT TITLE Investigate Gasoline and Diesel Fuel Disparity SB _____

ANALYST Ortiz

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY07	FY08		
	NFI		

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Attorney General's Office (AGO)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Memorial 95 requests that the Attorney General investigate the disparity between the decline in gasoline prices and the decline in diesel fuel prices as well as the disparity between the absolute prices in the two fuels.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

According to the Attorney General, a study of the disparity between the price of gasoline and diesel fuel would require the Attorney General to assign at least two staff members to complete the task. It is anticipated that an economist with experience in gasoline pricing and one support staff would be required to perform such an investigation. It is anticipated that the Attorney General would have to shift resources within the office and take staff away from other assignments to conduct such an investigation because no funds are included within the HM 95 to pay for an investigation.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

According to testimony presented to the U.S. Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee, taxes influence the price disparity between the two fuels.

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