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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR	<u>Cote</u>	ORIGINAL DATE	<u>01-18-08</u>	HJM	<u>6</u>
		LAST UPDATED	<u></u>	SB	<u></u>
SHORT TITLE	<u>Method of Reporting Government Waste and Inefficiency</u>			SB	<u></u>
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SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Joint Memorial 6 (HJM6) requests that the Department of Finance and Administration examine the costs and feasibility of establishing a method of reporting government waste and inefficiency.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

HJM6 proposes that the governmental apparatus of the State of New Mexico is responsible for the expenditure of billions of dollars every year and the management of tens of thousands of employees. Inevitably, even with the best efforts of capable managers and dedicated employees, certain practices and procedures will cause inefficiencies that ultimately waste tax dollars. Waste and inefficiency is not the result of criminal behavior and can be corrected if brought to the attention of the right people.

HJM6 further states that waste and inefficiency often results in low employee morale, as public employees like to know that their efforts are producing the desired results. Often, front line employees and members of the public are the people most aware of government waste and inefficiency but unfortunately do not have or are not aware of the best methods for reporting such problems.

Examining the costs and feasibility of establishing a method by which state employees and others could easily and anonymously report state government waste and inefficiency to appropriate employees who track and refer those reports to the appropriate agencies or officials is the goal of HJM6.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

A reporting system could produce higher morale among public employees and the general public.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

Accountability in State Government could result in tax savings, efficiency, and higher employee and public morale.

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

The consequence of no enacting this bill would result in the same status quo.

POSSIBLE QUESTIONS

Will the implementation of a reporting and tracking method for waste and inefficiency in State Government have a positive financial impact on the State of New Mexico and its citizens?

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