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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 2/9/08

SPONSOR HBIC LAST UPDATED _____ HM 32/HBICS

SHORT TITLE Support Santa Fe Regional Telecom Coalition SB _____

ANALYST Cox

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY08	FY09		
	NFI		

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Committee Substitute Memorial 32 is very similar to the Original HB 32. The changes revolve around the Agency that will carry out this Committee Substitute Memorial.

This Committee Substitute Memorial contemplates that the Governor’s Science and Technology advisor be primarily responsible for the implementation of this Memorial. In the original Memorial, the Public Regulations Commission (PRC) received the primary responsibility for the implementation of the original Memorial.

Thus, the Governor’s Science and Technology Advisor will have primary responsibility for the implementation of this Memorial.

The PRC has been relieved of any duty related to this Committee Substitute Memorial.

The Committee Substitute Memorial has also removed classifying the Santa Fe Community College as the ‘primary node’ on the New Mexico lambda railway connection for the Santa Fe regional telecommunications coalition region. The new wording classifies The Santa Fe Community College as “a connection” to the New Mexico lambda rail for the Santa Fe regional telecommunications coalition. Underlining was added by LFC analyst.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The New Committee Substitute for House Memorial 32 has no financial impact.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The Santa Fe regional telecommunications coalition was created to organize primary telecommunications bandwidth users in the Santa Fe region with participation from Santa Fe County, the city of Santa Fe, Santa Fe Community College and the University of New Mexico-New Mexico Lambda Rail.

Enhanced telecommunications infrastructure meets regional and local economic development goals, enhancement of regional emergency services, e-government, telehealth, education and research opportunities and improved quality of life for the Santa Fe region.

The Santa Fe regional telecommunications coalition is a model for regional telecommunications infrastructure initiatives that can be adopted by other regions, counties and municipalities and support for this model would benefit both the Santa Fe region and the State of New Mexico

The House Memorial 32 substitute requests that the Department of Information Technology:

- facilitate the work of the Santa Fe Regional Telecommunications Coalition;
- support the Santa Fe Regional Telecommunications Coalition's efforts to gain access to the New Mexico Lambda Rail telecommunications infrastructure;
- work with the Santa Fe Regional Telecommunications Coalition to arrange for the installation of a gateway to the New Mexico Computing Applications Center at Santa Fe Community College as a primary node on the New Mexico lambda rail connection for the Santa Fe Regional Telecommunications Coalition region; and
- copies of the original memorial be sent to:
The Commissioners of the Public Regulation Commission, The Secretary of Information Technology, The Governor's Science and Technology Advisor, The New Mexico Computing Applications Center at Santa Fe Community College and The Santa Fe Regional Telecommunications Coalition.

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