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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 2/19/09

SPONSOR Nuñez LAST UPDATED _____ HJM 20

SHORT TITLE Nationwide Vehicle Emission Standards SB _____

ANALYST Hoffmann

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY09	FY10		
	NFI		

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

No Response From

Energy, Minerals, and Natural Resources Department (ENMRD)

New Mexico Environment Department (NMED)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Joint Memorial 20 requests the New Mexico congressional delegation to support the establishment of a single nationwide standard for new vehicle emissions.

Copies of the House Joint Memorial 20 will be transmitted to the New Mexico congressional delegation and the Governor.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

House Joint Memorial 20 makes no appropriations.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

House Joint Memorial 20 cites the following conflicts in laws that could be resolved, or economic efficiencies achieved with a single nationwide standard for vehicle emissions.

- the federal Clean Air Act allows each state to adopt either the federal vehicle pollutant emission standard or the California vehicle pollutant emission standard

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- the manufacturing of two versions of the same vehicle to comply with the federal and California standards is inherently inefficient
- the New Mexico emission standards for new motor vehicles are in conflict with federal standards, creating unintended consequences to franchise automobile dealerships in New Mexico and across the country
- these unintended conflicting standards are in opposition to the stated goal of improved air quality
- the current economic stability of domestic automobile manufacturers demands that efficiencies be sought at every opportunity
- taxpayers across the country are being asked to support financial assistance to domestic automobile manufacturers

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