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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 03-4-09  
 SPONSOR Arnold-Jones LAST UPDATED 03-15-09 HJM 77/HAFCS  
 SHORT TITLE Risk of Hybrid Cars to Blind People SB \_\_\_\_\_  
 ANALYST Lucero

### ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY09	FY10	FY11	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
<b>Total</b>		Minimal			Non-Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

#### Responses Received From

Taxation and Revenue Department (TRD)

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

House Appropriations and Finance Committee (HAFCS) substitute for House Joint Memorial 77 requests the Traffic safety bureau of the Department of Transportation and the Commission for the Blind jointly convene a task force and provide the necessary staff support to study the risk of hybrid and other quiet cars to the blind and other pedestrians.

The task force shall also include representation from the Motor Vehicle Division (MVD) of the Taxation and Revenue Department, the Aging and Long Term Services Department, the National Federation of the Blind of New Mexico, an individual who is certified as an orientation and mobility instructor of the blind, at least one person representing the interests of the automotive industry, a representative of the New Mexico Auto Dealers Association, and any other members as the task force deem necessary.

The task force study:

1. the effects of vehicle sound on pedestrian safety; and
2. the available technology that may enhance the safety of blind pedestrians;

The task force shall review all available research regarding the effects of vehicle sound on pedestrian safety and consult with consumer groups that represent individuals who are blind and other pedestrians and bicyclists and with advocates for the safety of children.

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The task force shall conduct meetings to receive input from experts on acoustics, automobile design, environmental quality, orientation and mobility for blind people, pedestrian and bicycle safety and other relevant fields and from interested members of the public.

Additionally, the task force shall identify and evaluate barriers to implementation, necessary regulation, and potential cost of implementing minimum sound level standards or other measures.

The task force shall report its findings and recommendations to the interim Legislative Health and Human Services Committee by July 1, 2010.

### **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

The joint memorial has no appropriation; however, implementing the directives contained in this bill would have a minimal administrative impact including staff time and appropriate supporting resources.

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