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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

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SHORT TITLE Encourage Study Of New Mexico SJM 4

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### APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY09	FY10		
	Indeterminate	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Higher Education Department (HED)

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

Senate Joint Memorial 4 requests New Mexico's public universities to stimulate the study of New Mexico by means of curricular innovations, rewarding scholarly activity devoted to New Mexico and hosting conference and other scholarly gatherings.

### FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The HED states that all activities requested in Senate Joint Memorial 4 will require investment of resources by public higher education institutions.

### SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

Senate Joint Memorial 4 states that there is a relative lack of scholarly attention devoted to the study of New Mexico and its economic, social and governmental structures and policies.

The HED comments that there is an assumption in the Memorial that relatively little scholarship has been devoted to New Mexico. There is also the assumption that faculty in New Mexico are not currently conducting such research. In fact, some institutions in New Mexico have revised their tenure and promotion criteria to encourage faculty engagement in social issues affecting

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New Mexico, as well as research on subject matter related to New Mexico. The Memorial might, instead, ask institutions to report on current efforts underway.

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