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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

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SHORT TITLE Risk of Hybrid Cars to Blind People SJM 64

ANALYST Lucero/AHO

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

	FY09	FY10	FY11	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
<b>Total</b>		\$53.4			Non-Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

#### Responses Received From

Taxation and Revenue Department (TRD)

Aging and Long-Term Services Department (ALTSD)

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

Senate Joint Memorial 4 requests the Motor Vehicle Division (MVD) of the Taxation and Revenue Department (TRD) 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 include representation from the New Mexico commission for the blind, the New Mexico affiliate of the National Federation of the Blind, the ALTSD, an individual who is certified as an orientation and mobility instructor of the blind, and at least one person representing the interests of the automotive industry.

The task force shall evaluate the potential for establishment of minimum sound level standards and other measures to alert blind and other pedestrians to the danger of an approaching quiet car. 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 at its November 2009 meeting.

**FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

With current budgetary restraints and mandated hiring freeze, MVD does not have the resources in the short term to organize such a task force or to provide the necessary staff support as required by this memorial. MDV estimates \$53.4 (includes GRT) to hire an outside contractor to perform the work prescribed in this memorial.

**TECHNICAL ISSUES**

As introduced, this Joint Memorial would have no representation on the task force from the Traffic Safety Bureau (TSB) of NMDOT. Because traffic safety is TSB's (and not MVD's) primary responsibility, TSB should at least be included and may more appropriately be assigned responsibility for convening the task force.

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