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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Padilla ORIGINAL DATE 2/1/2020
LAST UPDATED 2/7/2020 HB _____
SHORT TITLE Feasibility Study for a NM History Room SJM 3/aSRC/aSIAC
ANALYST Martinez

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY20	FY21	FY22	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total		\$58.6	\$58.6	\$117.2	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Cultural Affairs Department (DCA)
Indian Affairs Department (IAD)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of SIAC Amendment

The Senate Indian and Cultural Affairs Committee amendment deletes the name, “Anderson” and replaces it with “Roberts.”

Synopsis of SRC Amendment

The Senate Rules Committee amendment inserts the following language: “Be it further resolved that any interagency meetings conducted as part of the development of the requested study be open to the public, subject to the same notice provisions and exceptions provided in the open Meetings Act.”

Synopsis of Original Bill

Senate Joint Memorial 3 requests the Department of Cultural Affairs (DCA), in cooperation with the Public Education Department, the Indian Affairs Department, the New Mexico Municipal League and New Mexico Counties to conduct a feasibility study of creating a “NM History Room” in one local library in every county.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The following was provided by the Indian Affairs Department:

The main fiscal implication of SJM3 on the IAD would be a total of \$58,673 for an additional FTE, titled as Management Analyst A in Pay Band 65 (Midpoint = \$46,197; Max = \$58,673).

SJM3 names the Indian Affairs Department (IAD) to play an integral role in conducting this study of feasibility on establishing a New Mexico history room in a local library in each county in the state. The IAD will presumably be tasked with attending meetings, preparing meeting deliverables (i.e. data collection, strategic planning, etc.), and contributing to the final report, which needs to be submitted by November 30, 2020.

Currently, the IAD participates in twenty (20) boards, commission, and working groups. Out of the fourteen (14) staff members, half are tasked with conducting this programmatic work. Consequently, the IAD's work capacity is severely limited and participation in these entities needs to be delegated to an additional FTE and/or contractor.

Given the IAD's severely limited capacity as well as the immediate deadline of November 30, 2020, the department's participation in this study of feasibility would have to be delegated to an additional FTE and/or contractor at the pay band 65 rate.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The following was provided by the Cultural Affairs Department:

The study would comprise three parts: an inventory of physical New Mexico (NM) history resources and spaces in public libraries; cooperative development of a core collection of statewide history; and an estimation of potential capital costs to ensure housing of and access to a core NM History collection in each county.

The following was provided by the Indian Affairs Department:

SJM3's intention of establishing a New Mexico history room in a local library in each county in the state in order to archive and display materials about New Mexico's rich history is ambitious but extremely necessary.

As SJM3 notes, these history rooms will encapsulate the state's complete history, including evolutionary, geologic, cultural, and linguistic histories that predate formal European establishment of New Mexico in 1598. Given the gravity of this work and the fact that the history rooms would be accessible to all, the IAD supports the need to conduct this study of feasibility, but that the collaborative work should not end there.

If given an additional FTE, the IAD would be able to more effectively and efficiently assist in conducting this study of feasibility. This FTE would greatly assist with the final report, identifying estimated capital; calculating development and operational costs; and making the requested recommendations by November 30, 2020. Ideally, this project would continue and the IAD's FTE would see the establishment of these NM history rooms to fruition.

All of New Mexico should tell our history together, and the IAD FTE would make sure

the state’s Tribes, Nations, and Pueblos play an integral part in this project and uphold the policies pre-scribed by the State-Tribal Collaboration Act (STCA).

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

The following was provided by the Indian Affairs Department:

The study of feasibility’s relatively short deadline (with the proposed final report submission deadline of November 30, 2020) may negatively affect the final product and quality of the findings.

As mentioned above, if the IAD is not able to have an additional FTE, the department’s limited participation may negatively affect the final product and its findings, especially data and information collected from NM’s Tribes, Nations, and Pueblos.

TECHNICAL ISSUES

The following was provided by the Cultural Affairs Department:

SJM 3 does not address the potential creation of new digital historical collections, or improving access to current collections. This could limit the resources recommended for a “NM History Room” to paper-based collections.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

The following was provided by the Cultural Affairs Department:

SJM 3 does not include a study of improving access to digital historical collections, which can be important for providing access. The Broadband for Libraries program is making digital access available through high speed fiber optic networks statewide.

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

The following was provided by the Cultural Affairs Department:

It is common for public libraries to hold historical resources, especially focusing on local and regional history; however, NMSL does not currently provide a recommended core collection of statewide NM History, which this study would create.

AMENDMENTS

The following was provided by the Cultural Affairs Department:

Page 5, line 20 add “F. recommendations for improving access to digital NM History collections”

Page 5, line 23 add “the State Historian”