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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

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SHORT TITLE Workplace Readiness Certification Program SB SJM 63

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### APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY04	FY05	FY04	FY05		
			See Narrative		

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

#### Responses Received From

Economic Development Department (EDD)

Labor Department (NMDOL)

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

Senate Joint Memorial 63 creates a subcommittee consisting of representatives from the state's workforce support agencies and programs, state and regional workforce development boards, public school and higher education workforce training providers and the business community to study the feasibility of implementing workplace readiness certification programs in one-stop career centers, community colleges and public schools. The memorial requires the subcommittee to submit its findings to employer groups, training providers and workforce agencies for input and to the appropriated legislative interim committee prior to November 1, 2004.

### FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no significant fiscal implications associated with this joint memorial.

### ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

EDD notes extensive staff time will be necessary to work with the subcommittee in researching similar programs in other states and analyzing the costs versus benefits of implementing such a program for New Mexico.

**OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES**

NMDOL notes language in the joint memorial should specify that the recommendations of the state workforce development board's subcommittee must be submitted as written to legislative committees. NMDOL explains the Office of Workforce Training and Development should not amend or edit the subcommittee's recommendations.

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