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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

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SHORT TITLE State Library Prostate Cancer Section SB 475

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### APPROPRIATION (in \$000s)

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY05	FY06	FY05	FY06		
	\$30.0			Non-Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

#### Responses Received From

Cultural Affairs Department (DCA)

Department of Health (DOH)

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 475 appropriates \$30,000 from the general fund to Cultural Affairs Department (DCA) for the purpose of developing within the state library system a prostate cancer reference section.

#### Significant Issues

The Department of Health (DOH) indicated that prostate cancer is the most commonly diagnosed cancer among all race/ethnic groups in New Mexico, and it is the second leading cause of cancer death among New Mexican men. Unlike some other cancers where clinical trials have demonstrated a decrease in mortality through early detection, there is no scientific consensus on whether screening and treatment of early stage prostate cancer reduces mortality. Since prostate cancer diagnostic procedures and treatments commonly cause serious side effects, there is no consensus that the potential benefits outweigh the harms of screening and treatment. Public and professional education is imperative for men to receive objective information about the potential benefits and harms of screening and treatment to assist them in making informed decisions.

DOH noted that, in 2002, Senate Joint Memorial 8 directed the DOH to convene a task force of healthcare professionals to develop a report on the burden of prostate cancer in New Mexico; the status of prevention and early detection for prostate cancer; the controversy over screening and treatment of prostate cancer; and survivorship issues. The task force made the following recommendations to the legislature in November 2002: "Education, both public and professional, is needed in New Mexico regarding prostate cancer. Education and related services should be provided to: 1) increase public and professional understanding of prostate cancer; 2) assess the risks and benefits of routine screening; 3) help men make appropriate personal choices regarding screening and treatment; 4) help men and their families access prostate cancer support services; 5) monitor research on prostate cancer screening; and 6) use science to guide policy, research, screening and treatment decisions."

According to DCA, SB475 builds on existing projects at the State Library. The initiative put forth in this legislation complements two existing health information projects at the State Library related to Diabetes and Breast Cancer. With this funding, staff would be prepared to use the models of those two projects to implement the proposed Prostate Cancer Reference Section.

### **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

The appropriation of \$30,000 contained in this bill is a non-recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY06 would revert to the general fund.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

DCA did not anticipate any difficulties to administer these funds. That agency would collaborate with UNM Health Center Library staff in researching the materials for the proposed Prostate Cancer Reference Section.

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