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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

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SHORT TITLE Gender-Neutral Language In State Legislation SB 1059/aSJC

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### APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY05	FY06	FY05	FY06		
\$100.0				Nonrecurring	Cash Balance

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of SJC Amendment

The Senate Judiciary Committee amendment removes language that would have required gender-neutral language be used in rules produced by subdivisions of the state.

#### Synopsis of Original Bill

Senate Bill 1059 appropriates \$100 thousand from legislative cash balances to Legislative Council Service to revise sections of the NMSA 1978 as required to provide for gender-neutrality in the language, to make revisions as deemed appropriate and to fund the expenses of the code revision committee.

Senate Bill 1059 requires that gender-neutral language be used in drafting laws, memorials, resolutions or other documents produced by Legislative Council Service or rules produced by the legislative, executive or judicial branches or subdivisions of the state. This bill creates a legislative interim committee call the "Code Revision Committee."

Significant Issues

The Code Revision Committee shall be composed of 8 members, 4 members from the House of Representatives and 4 members from the Senate and shall meet no more than four times annually.

The Code Revision Committee shall report its findings and recommendations for consideration for any session of any legislature. The report and proposed legislation shall be provided to the Legislative Council Service on or prior to December 15 preceding the legislative session in which the code revision committee's bill is introduced. The committee shall function from the date of appointment until December 1, 2008.

This bill carries an emergency clause.

**FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

The appropriation of \$100 thousand contained in this bill is for expenditure in fiscal years 2005 through 2007 and is a nonrecurring expense to legislative cash balances. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2007 shall not revert to the general fund.

**ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

The Legislative Council Service shall provide staff for the code revision committee.

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