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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

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SHORT TITLE State Agency Reports to Legislature SB \_\_\_\_\_

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### APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY05	FY06	FY05	FY06		
	NFI				

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

#### Responses Received From

Bernalillo County Metro Court  
Aging and Long-Term Services Department (ALSD)  
Developmental Disabilities Planning Council  
New Mexico Department of Labor (DOL)  
Department of Veteran Services (DVS)  
New Mexico Parole Board (PB)  
Regulation and Licensing Department (RLD)

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

House Joint Memorial 77 calls for reinforcement of current law Section 2-3-14.1 NMSA 1978, which prohibits a state agency from sending materials longer than five (5) pages to the Legislature, and requires agencies to file two (2) copies of those reports with the LCS.

HJM 77 also requests state agencies to post the reports on websites when possible, and provide electronic notices and instruction to legislative members and the LFC when reports are available online.

#### Significant Issues

The Memorial addresses the importance of these valuable and useful agency reports for legislative members, state officials, state employees and the general public.

The copy of the Memorial will be given to the Governor's Office and the Executive for each state agency.

**PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS**

Agencies will be required to use electronic notification for submission of reports, and investigate the most economical method of binding and packaging if hard copies are necessary.

**FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

Sharing information through an electronic format saves in operating costs by reducing paper waste and staff copying time; and utilizing technology to transmit information allows for easier access than hard copies.

This bill will not impose any additional fiscal burdens on the agencies that cannot be absorbed within existing budgetary restrictions.

**TECHNICAL ISSUES**

The definition of the term "report" may need further clarification. Clarification as to what constitutes "the most economical method of binding and packaging" would also be helpful.

Using a PDF format as much as possible will help to reduce information from being altered or corrupted.

**OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES**

Smaller agencies do not always have web sites and are not always notified when information is needed.

**WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL?**

Continued delay in communication between state agencies and the legislature.

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