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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

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SHORT TITLE Study State Government Effectiveness SJM 69

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ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY09	FY10	FY11	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
Total		\$0.1	\$0.1		Recurring	Various

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Requested From

State agencies have not had an opportunity to respond to a request for an analysis of this Joint Memorial.

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Joint Memorial 69 requests the New Mexico Legislative Council to create a committee to study the processes, procedures and rules of state government to determine areas where greater efficiencies and public access can be incorporated in all branches of New Mexico State Government.

The Joint Memorial provides for the following:

- government and bureaucracy seem to be interchangeable terms;
- bureaucracy bears the stigma of an unnecessarily confusing process, burdensome regulation or purposeful obstruction to the access of information or services;
- the legislature is constantly being informed by constituents of the burdensome or confusing nature of government, and legislators are aware that information needed to make critical decisions for the welfare of the state is often not available or requires great effort to obtain;
- many constituents desire government processes and procedures that are open and transparent, that respond to public concerns and that are easy to navigate; and
- it is important for the legislature to review state government processes, procedures and rules periodically to ensure that state government is providing the information and ser-

VICES made available to the public in statute in the most efficient, economical and effective manner and to ensure that the processes and procedures are easy to navigate and the rules are not unnecessarily burdensome.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The New Mexico Legislative Council and any committee either newly appointed or identified will incur expenses in order to complete the performance functions outlined in the Joint Memorial.

Costs will also be determined by how often the committee meets, and what recommendations that are made to the New Mexico Legislature Council are ultimately implemented.

Members of the committee may be able to receive reimbursement for participating in the study group pursuant to the Per Diem and Mileage Act.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The Joint Memorial provides that the New Mexico Legislative Council be requested to appoint or identify a committee to review the current processes, procedures and rules of all branches of New Mexico state government. The committee will be required to determine the best manner in which to proceed to review the many processes, procedures and rules of state government on an ongoing basis and make a recommendation to the New Mexico Legislative Council regarding the committee's findings.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

The Joint Memorial further provides that members of the Legislature reviewing the processes, procedures and rules of state government seek ways to encourage greater efficiency, effectiveness and economy in state government that result in greater access and transparency for the public.

Copies of this memorial are to be transmitted to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, the Governor and the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court.

TECHNICAL ISSUES

The Joint Memorial does not have an effective date by which the committee is requested to complete its study and report its findings.

SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

The Pew Center's Government Performance Project's *Grading the States* 2008 report is an assessment of the quality of management in all 50 states. The report's findings, developed in partnership with Governing Magazine, are generated from extensive interviews and surveys of state-level managers and opinion leaders. <http://www.pewcenteronthestates.org>

The Government Performance Project's mission is to improve service to citizens by strengthening government policy and performance. The Project systematically evaluates how well states

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manage their money, people, information and infrastructure—four areas critical to ensuring that states’ policy decisions and practices actually deliver their intended outcomes. This information in turn helps state policymakers understand the steps they can take and the policy changes they can make to strengthen government performance.

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

The New Mexico Legislative Council will not be requested to create a committee to study the processes, procedures and rules of state government to determine areas where greater efficiencies and public access can be incorporated in all branches of New Mexico State Government.

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