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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Sapien & Gardner **ORIGINAL DATE** 01/21/10 **LAST UPDATED** _____ **HB** _____
SHORT TITLE Electronic Handouts For Interim Committees **SJM** 5
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APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY10	FY11		
	NFI	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Joint Memorial 5 requests that the Legislative Council Service consider proposals for rules to convert to and make electronic communication and handout distribution available for interim committees. Such rules should minimally provide for polling by committee staff of the committee members to determine who would prefer to receive committee information in electronic format rather than paper. Further, all entities testifying to the respective committees would be directed to work with staff to provide materials in electronic format for committee members who have chosen that delivery method as well as providing paper documents for those who prefer hard copies.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

Senate Joint Memorial 5 has no direct fiscal impact, but could have the benefit of reducing duplicating or printing costs to some extent.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

New Mexico is currently experiencing a budget crisis.

Requests for copies of documents from the legislature are significant in number.

The public has a right to easy access to legislative documents.

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