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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 02/18/13

SPONSOR Anderson LAST UPDATED _____ HM 54

SHORT TITLE Study Reasons for Recent Mass Shootings SB _____

ANALYST Chavez

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY13	FY14	FY15	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total		NFI				

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Department of Public Safety (DPS)
New Mexico State University (NMSU)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Memorial 54 requests that the department of Psychology at the University of New Mexico study the societal reasons behind recent mass shootings and present its findings to the appropriate interim legislative committee by November 1, 2013.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The NMSU states that HM 54 does not consider scientists from other state institutions' psychology departments, which may also provide significant research. They add that funding sources for the research outlined in this bill is unclear.

The NMSU also notes that gun control has become a focus of attention and dissention to mass shootings, and that preventative measures other than gun control and background checks are lacking. They continue that it is difficult to develop such preventative measures with a scarcity of scientific evidence of root causes of gun violence.

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