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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

**ORIGINAL DATE** 2/10/15  
**LAST UPDATED** \_\_\_\_\_ **HB** \_\_\_\_\_

**SPONSOR** Sanchez, M.

**SHORT TITLE** NM Library Needs Assessment **SB** SM 61

**ANALYST** Clark

### ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY15	FY16	FY17	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
<b>Total</b>	Minimal	Minimal		Minimal	Nonrecurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates HM 48

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

#### Responses Received From

Cultural Affairs Department (DCA)

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

Senate Memorial 61 requires the New Mexico State Library (NMSL) to support a needs assessment of New Mexico libraries and to support and assist library organizations convene a statewide conference to develop and adopt policies to achieve goals for improved library services.

The memorial states that the role of libraries as a repository for books has greatly changed as a result of the digital age and the onset of the internet. Libraries are recognized as a key free public access point to both computer hardware and internet access, and this vital service is key to New Mexico's rural, underserved citizens. As more and more New Mexico businesses advertise open positions online and require online applications, (for example, in order to work for the state of New Mexico one must apply online), libraries now serve as job centers. Librarians are called upon to be adept at computer technology training, access to electronic government and social services, computer based educational resources, and services in Native American and Spanish languages. Because funding for libraries was cut as a result of the economic recession, the memorial calls for policy makers to re-examine the role of libraries and put into place public policies and resources necessary for libraries to properly fulfill the goals of improved quality of life and enhanced economic well-being of its residents.

**FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

The bill would impact the operating budget by requiring the Cultural Affairs Department (DCA) to finance a needs assessment and assist to convene and finance a statewide conference.

**SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

DCA reports it is within NMSL's mission to assist and support in terms of data for the needs assessment, and NMSL could serve as co-sponsor in terms of support for the statewide conference.

**ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

There would be a minimal administrative impact involved with conducting the needs assessment and facilitating the conference.

**DUPLICATION**

This bill duplicates HM 48.

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