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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

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SHORT TITLE Legislative Improvement Task Force SB _____
ANALYST Leger

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT

| Appropriation | | Recurring or Nonrecurring | Fund Affected |
|---------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|------------------|
| FY20 | FY21 | | |
| | *see fiscal implications | | |

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Memorial

House Memorial 32 requests the New Mexico Legislative Council to convene a task force to develop recommendations for improving the legislative process.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

HM32 does not contain an appropriation. Any costs associated with the memorial would be absorbed by the Legislative Council Service.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

According to the memorial, the most recent formal study of the legislative process was a two-year endeavor in August 2006.

Several substantive recommendations were adopted and have been implemented. However, the legislative process has changed dramatically over the last several decades and, with the introduction of modern technology, continues to evolve at an even faster pace.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

The memorial outlines the following be considered by the task force:

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- Length of legislative session compared with states of similar size;
- Compensation of legislative members compared with states of similar size;
- Strategies to reduce conflicts in the legislative process;
- Staff for legislators during the session and interim;
- Limiting the number of bills and memorials that legislators may introduce;
- Developing a primer for citizen participation in the legislative process;
- Limiting introduction of guests and performances on the floor;
- Improving alignment of policy initiatives proposed by interim committees with the development of the general appropriation act;
- Planning and prioritizing capital outlay funding; and
- Structure and efficacy of statutory and interim committees.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

A report of recommendations is requested to be made available to legislators and the general public by October 1, 2020.

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