

LFC Requester:

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AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS - 2026 REGULAR SESSION**WITHIN 24 HOURS OF BILL POSTING, UPLOAD ANALYSIS TO****[AgencyAnalysis.nmlegis.gov](https://agencyanalysis.nmlegis.gov) and email to billanalysis@dfa.nm.gov*****(Analysis must be uploaded as a PDF)*****SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION***{Indicate if analysis is on an original bill, amendment, substitute or a correction of a previous bill}***Date Prepared:** 01.23.2026*Check all that apply:***Bill Number:** S-49Original x Correction Amendment Substitute **Sponsor:** Senator Anthony Thornton**Agency Name
and Code**NM Regional Education
Cooperatives #930**Short** School-Age Appropriate**Number:****Title:** Filtering Project**Person Writing**Bobbie Gutierrez**Phone:** (505) 670-2060**Email** bj.gutierrez@nmreca.org**SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT****APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)**

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY26	FY27		
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY26	FY27	FY28		
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

(Parenthesis () indicate revenue decreases)

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY26	FY27	FY28	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates/Conflicts with/Companion to/Relates to:

Duplicates/Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act

SECTION III: NARRATIVE

BILL SUMMARY

Synopsis: **SB 49** creates a three-year statewide pilot to test an age-appropriateness rating system for school library materials. Twenty districts/charters participate each year, with geographic diversity required. The bill includes funding, evaluation, and parent engagement components — all areas where RECs can play a strategic role.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS N/A

Note: major assumptions underlying fiscal impact should be documented.

Note: if additional operating budget impact is estimated, assumptions and calculations should be reported in this section.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES N/A

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS N/A

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS N/A

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP N/A

TECHNICAL ISSUES N/A

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES N/A

ALTERNATIVES N/A

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL N/A

AMENDMENTS N/A