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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:** 1/28/2026*Check all that apply:***Bill Number:** SB99Original ☒ Correction ☐Amendment ☐ Substitute ☐**Sponsor:** Stefanics, Campos**Short** RURAL LIBRARIES**Title:** ENDOWMENT FUND**Agency Name****and Code**337 – State Investment Council**Number:****Person Writing** McBurney/Iglesias**Phone:** 505-709-5790 **Email** Brooke.mcburney@sic.nm.gov**SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT****APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)**

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY26	FY27		
(29,500,000)	-	Nonrecurring	General Fund
29,500,000	-	Nonrecurring	Rural Libraries Endowment Fund

REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY26	FY27	FY28		
-	-	\$361.0	Recurring	Rural Libraries Program Fund
-	-	\$19.0	Recurring	Cultural Affairs Department

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates SB62 RURAL LIBRARIES ENDOWMENT FUND (2025)

SECTION III: NARRATIVE**BILL SUMMARY**Synopsis:

Senate Bill 99 transfers \$29,500,000 from the General Fund to the Rural Libraries Endowment Fund. This bill has no effective date and if signed would become effective May 20, 2026.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The SIC-managed Rural Libraries Endowment Fund is currently invested in a “high growth” allocation strategy, which is projected over a full market cycle to earn a compound return of 7.19% annually.¹ Under current law, distributions from the Rural Libraries Endowment Fund (RLEF) are based on investment income and capped at 5% of the prior year-end balance. Without additional legislative action, the fund’s growth is modest and annual distributions remain relatively small through FY30, as shown in the “Current” scenario.

This bill appropriates \$29.5 million from the general fund to the RLEF, significantly accelerating the fund’s growth trajectory. This infusion increases the fund’s distributions beginning in FY28.

By FY30, annual payouts under this bill could exceed \$3.5 million, compared to less than \$2 million under current law. Over the long term, the \$29.5 million appropriation could generate cumulative additional distributions of more than \$47 million by FY50, creating a sustainable funding stream for rural libraries and cultural programs.

RLEF Est. Ending Balance (\$MM)							95%	5%
CY	Current	SB62	Difference	RLEF Distributions to DCA (\$MM)			Program Fund	DCA
				FY	Current	SB62	Diff.	
2025	\$ 35.7	\$ 35.7	\$ -	FY25	\$ 0.772	\$ 0.772	\$ -	
2026	\$ 36.8	\$ 67.3	\$ 30.6	FY26	\$ 1.469	\$ 1.469	\$ -	
2027	\$ 37.6	\$ 70.3	\$ 32.8	FY27	\$ 1.787	\$ 1.787	\$ -	\$ -
2028	\$ 38.4	\$ 73.1	\$ 34.7	FY28	\$ 1.839	\$ 2.220	\$ 0.380	\$ 0.361
2029	\$ 39.2	\$ 75.1	\$ 35.9	FY29	\$ 1.879	\$ 3.140	\$ 1.261	\$ 1.198
2030	\$ 40.0	\$ 76.7	\$ 36.7	FY30	\$ 1.919	\$ 3.655	\$ 1.736	\$ 1.649
2031	\$ 40.9	\$ 78.3	\$ 37.5	FY31	\$ 1.959	\$ 3.755	\$ 1.795	\$ 1.706
2032	\$ 41.7	\$ 80.0	\$ 38.3	FY32	\$ 2.001	\$ 3.835	\$ 1.834	\$ 1.743
2033	\$ 42.6	\$ 81.7	\$ 39.1	FY33	\$ 2.043	\$ 3.917	\$ 1.873	\$ 1.780
2034	\$ 43.5	\$ 83.4	\$ 39.9	FY34	\$ 2.086	\$ 3.999	\$ 1.913	\$ 1.817
2035	\$ 44.4	\$ 85.2	\$ 40.7	FY35	\$ 2.131	\$ 4.084	\$ 1.953	\$ 1.856
2036	\$ 45.4	\$ 87.0	\$ 41.6	FY36	\$ 2.176	\$ 4.170	\$ 1.995	\$ 1.895
2037	\$ 46.3	\$ 88.8	\$ 42.5	FY37	\$ 2.222	\$ 4.259	\$ 2.037	\$ 1.935
2038	\$ 47.3	\$ 90.7	\$ 43.4	FY38	\$ 2.269	\$ 4.349	\$ 2.080	\$ 1.976
2039	\$ 48.3	\$ 92.6	\$ 44.3	FY39	\$ 2.317	\$ 4.441	\$ 2.124	\$ 2.018
2040	\$ 49.3	\$ 94.6	\$ 45.2	FY40	\$ 2.366	\$ 4.535	\$ 2.169	\$ 2.061

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

SB99 duplicates SB62, which also proposes a transfer from the general fund to the Rural Libraries Endowment Fund. If both bills advance, the Legislature should clarify whether these appropriations are intended to be cumulative or duplicative to avoid confusion in implementation and fiscal projections.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

This bill duplicates Senate Bill 62.

¹ Source: RVK 2025 Capital Market Assumptions and Asset Allocation Study