

Fiscal impact reports (FIRs) are prepared by the Legislative Finance Committee (LFC) for standing finance committees of the NM Legislature. The LFC does not assume responsibility for the accuracy of these reports if they are used for other purposes.

Current FIRs (in HTML & Adobe PDF formats) are available on the NM Legislative Website (legis.state.nm.us). Adobe PDF versions include all attachments, whereas HTML versions may not. Previously issued FIRs and attachments may be obtained from the LFC in Suite 101 of the State Capitol Building North.

FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Sapient **ORIGINAL DATE** 01/27/11 **LAST UPDATED** _____ **HB** _____
SHORT TITLE Electronic Handouts For Interim Committees **SJM** 3
ANALYST Haug

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY11	FY12		
NFI	NFI		

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Joint Memorial 3 requests that the New Mexico legislative council be requested to consider proposals for rules to convert to and make electronic communication and handout distribution available for interim committees. And that the rules, at a minimum, provide for polling by the staff of their respective committee members to determine those members who desire to receive committee information in electronic format rather than paper and to direct all entities testifying to the respective committees to work with staff to provide those members a copy of materials to be handed out in electronic format in addition to paper documents for those who wish to continue to receive hard copies.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

Senate Joint Memorial 3 has no fiscal implications.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

New Mexico is currently experiencing a budget crisis.

Requests for copies of documents from the legislature are significant in number.

The public has a right to easy access to legislative documents.

Paper printing and photocopying require extensive use of energy and natural resources.

GH/bym