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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 02/15/21

SPONSOR SIRC LAST UPDATED \_\_\_\_\_ HB \_\_\_\_\_

SHORT TITLE Definition of Rural Library SB 273/SIRCS

ANALYST Martinez

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

	FY21	FY22	FY23	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
<b>Total</b>	NFI	NFI	NFI			

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

#### Responses Received From

Department of Cultural Affairs (DCA)

#### Synopsis of Bill

The Senate Indian, Rural and Cultural Affairs Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 273 (SB273) changes the definition of a “rural library” and establishes that once a rural library qualifies to receive grants, they may receive the grants even when the population in the municipality or Indian nation, tribe or pueblo exceeds 3,000.

There is no effective date of this bill. It is assumed that the effective date is 90 days following adjournment of the Legislature.

### FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

SB273 does not carry an appropriation and will not have a fiscal impact on the Department of Cultural Affairs.

### SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

Department of Cultural Affairs provided the following:

Currently, “rural library” (whether public or tribal) is defined as a library having a service population of 3,000 or under at the time of the library’s establishment, or a library having a tax designation status as a 501(c) (3) with a service population of 3,000 or under, or in an unincorporated area (regardless of their current or future population).

SB273 changes the definition of “rural library” to make eligibility for libraries in a municipality

based on the population of legal service area on or after July 1, 2019, rather than the library's establishment.

Additionally, it specifies that a library once eligible would qualify in perpetuity.

As written, the legislation excludes 9 tribal libraries from qualifying based on population served:

- Acoma Learning Center
- Jicarilla Public Library
- Pueblo of San Felipe Community Library
- Mescalero Community Library
- Jemez Pueblo Community Library
- Pueblo of Isleta Public Library
- Laguna Public Library
- Santo Domingo Pueblo Library
- Zuni Public Library

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