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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Madrid/ Lara/ Caballero/Small ORIGINAL DATE 2/25/2019 LAST UPDATED _____ HB 27

SHORT TITLE Chaparral Library Feasibility Study SB _____

ANALYST Martinez

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY19	FY20	FY21	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total						

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to: HB264

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Department of Finance and Administration (DFA)

Department of Cultural Affairs (DCA)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 27 requires the Local Government Division of the Department of Finance and Administration to conduct a feasibility study on a library in Chaparral. The study would explore project components for constructing a library and multi-use facility, and assess various community needs such a space could fulfill. The study is contingent on an unspecified amount of funding received through legislative appropriation.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

HB27 is contingent on an unspecified amount of funding received through legislative appropriation.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The following was provided by the Department of Finance and Administration:

The bill does not state that local entities (municipalities or counties) would work with the Local Government Division (LGD) on managing and conducting the study. This analysis assumes that the omission of such administrative details means that the LGD would be fully responsible for implementing the study. Doing so would likely require LGD staff issue a request for proposals (RFP) for consulting/planning services as LGD staff are unlikely to have the expertise to conduct the study in-house. Additionally, the bill does not identify what entity would be responsible for acting on the information provided by the study. This issue raises the question what outcomes would result from the study.

While the bill is a temporary provision, it provides no specification on completion deadline for the study. A completion deadline would likely depend on the reversion date of the contingent legislative appropriation.

Currently there are no public libraries in Chaparral.

The following was provided by the Department of Cultural Affairs:

Chaparral is in an unincorporated area, and would not have municipal support available. According to State Library records, there is no history of a library in this location, and no previous planning for the creation of a library is on file. The population of Chaparral is about 14,631 which would make it the 15th largest library by population served, out of 98 public libraries.

Chaparral is approximately 14 miles east of Anthony, which has a developing public library. The nearest major library is 35 miles away in Las Cruces. For residents this would mean significant improvement in access to library programs and services.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

The following was provided by the Department of Finance and Administration:

This bill would require LGD to develop a new program, conduct a solicitation in accordance with procurement code, contract with consultant that conduct feasibility studies, and oversee and monitor contracts. LGD would be responsible for the procurement, contract execution and oversight of the feasibility study, which may require an additional FTE to administer the new program. DFA is concerned with LGD's ability to meet its critical statutory duties and its overall mission if its resources are redirected towards small special projects.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

HB27 is related to HB264. If passed, HB264 would create a Rural Libraries Endowment Fund, which Chaparral would be eligible to become a future beneficiary of as a library in an unincorporated area.

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

A feasibility study on a library in Chaparral will not be conducted.