

**LEGISLATIVE EDUCATION STUDY COMMITTEE  
BILL ANALYSIS**

**Bill Number:** HM 48

**52nd Legislature, 1st Session, 2015**

**Tracking Number:** .199065.1

**Short Title:** NM Library Needs Assessment

**Sponsor(s):** Representative Deborah A. Armstrong and Others

**Analyst:** James Ball

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**Bill Summary:**

HM 48 requests the State Library to:

- support a needs assessment of New Mexico libraries; and
- assist library organizations to convene a statewide conference to develop and adopt policies to achieve goals for improved library services.

HM 48 further resolves that copies of the memorial be transmitted to the State Librarian and to the President of the New Mexico Library Association (NMLA).

**Fiscal Impact:**

Legislative memorials do not carry appropriations.

**Fiscal Issues:**

The analysis of HM 48 by the New Mexico State Library (NMSL) notes that conducting a needs assessment and convening a statewide conference would have fiscal implications. The analysis adds, "It is within the . . . NMSL mission to assist and support in terms of data for the needs assessment, and NMSL could serve as co-sponsor in terms of support for the statewide conference."

**Substantive Issues:**

According to the NMSL analysis, HM 48 calls for policymakers "to re-examine the role of libraries and put into place public policies and resources necessary for libraries to properly fulfill the goals of improved quality of life and enhanced economic well-being" of New Mexico residents.

The NMLA January/February 2015 newsletter states that the NMLA and the New Mexico Library Foundation are laying the groundwork for a statewide needs assessment which will culminate in a proposed Governor's Conference on Libraries in the second half of 2016.

**Committee Referrals:**

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**Related Bills:**

SM 61 *NM Library Needs Assessment* (Identical)