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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 3/04/2017

SPONSOR Gallegos, DY/Egolf LAST UPDATED \_\_\_\_\_ HJM 20

SHORT TITLE Study Use of Revisor of Statutes SB \_\_\_\_\_

ANALYST Leger

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

	FY17	FY18	FY19	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
<b>Total</b>	*see fiscal implications	*see fiscal implications	*see fiscal implications	*see fiscal implications		General Fund

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of House Joint Memorial

House Joint Memorial requests the Legislative Council Service to study the use of a revisor of statutes including the cost and process of employment.

### FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

There will be a minimal fiscal impact if any with HJM 20. The proposed study can be conducted by an existing staff member or be done through a small contract.

It should be noted though, a fiscal impact could materialize in future fiscal years if a revisor of statutes position is created and could cost up to \$90.0 thousand.

### SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

According to House Joint Memorial 20:

- NM legislature has crafted and passed many laws since 1912 and are still in statutes;
- NM laws contain antiquated, confusing or invalid language or provisions;
- Many states have created a revisor of statutes within their bill drafting services; and
- The job of a revisor of statutes is to report to the drafting service any defects

found in/state statute or the state constitution and to draft proposed legislation for recommendation to the legislature.

**PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS**

Assistance of the study can be provided by the National Council of State Legislatures. According to NCSL website publication of 2012, a number of state legislators have a revisor of statutes as part of their drafting/legal services offices. These states include: Alaska, Colorado, Florida, Hawaii, Kansas, Maine, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, and Washington.

**ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

The New Mexico Compilation Commission is authorized to prepare and keep current parallel tables of the New Mexico statutes.

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