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Legislative
Analysis
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**House Bill 5237 as enrolled
Second Analysis (1-3-91)**

**Sponsor: Rep. Joseph Young, Sr.
House Committee: Appropriations
Senate Committee: Appropriations**

THE APPARENT PROBLEM:

The state library is administratively housed under the legislative council, but the Department of Management and Budget has been responsible for the operation and management of the building that contains the state library. Reportedly, about two-thirds of the space in the Michigan Library and Historical Center is occupied by the library, and well over two-thirds of the workers in the building are library employees. To many, it makes sense to place responsibility for operation and management of the building with the legislative council.

THE CONTENT OF THE BILL:

The bill would amend the Management and Budget Act to require the legislative council to manage and operate the Michigan Library and Historical Center, and to exclude the center from the act's definition of "facility."

MCL 18.1114 and 18.1219

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:

The House Fiscal Agency says that the bill would have no additional fiscal implications (1-7-91)

ARGUMENTS:

For:

The bill would make for more consistent and efficient administration of the state library by transferring the responsibility for building management to the entity with supervisory authority over library administration. The bill would help to ensure that the maintenance needs of this important public building received prompt attention, thus benefiting both tenants and patrons.