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Jim Corridan  
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Dear Mr. Corridan

The Indiana Economic Development Corporation ("IEDC") has reviewed the economic impact statement associated with new rules in LSA 07-756 proposed by the Indiana State Library ("ISL").

The rule adds a new section 590 IAC 5 to establish certification fees for professional public and state institutional librarians and to establish continuing education requirements. Under the new rule, public librarians and state institutional librarians must pay a \$50 fee for a five year certification. Entities affected by the rule include approximately 2,500 public librarians and less than 20 state institutional librarians. However, due to turnover of public librarians, the ISL estimates that an additional 1,500 public librarians may need certification within a five year period. Therefore, total impact to affected entities associated with this provision of the rule will be approximately \$201,000 over a five year term, or \$40,200 annually.

The rule also adds a Continuing Education ("CE") requirement. Library directors will be required to have 100 hours of CE per five years. Branch heads and department heads must have 75 hours of CE per five years. Professional assistants must have 50 hours of CE per five years. Options for satisfying this requirement include no-cost and fee-based offerings from the ISL, annual workshops provided library organizations, and college and graduate level classes offered by IVY Tech, IUPUI, and IU in library science.

The IEDC does not object to the economic impact associated with the proposed rule. The current certification fee of \$1 for a lifetime certification does not generate sufficient revenue to cover the costs of administering the program. The new fee schedule will generate sufficient revenue to support program costs. Additionally, the CE requirements will support the goal of providing better service in the library industry. If you have any questions about the comments contained herein please contact me at 232-8962 or [rasberry@iedc.in.gov](mailto:rasberry@iedc.in.gov).

Regards,

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