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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR: Bratton DATE TYPED: 02/26/01 HB 501
 SHORT TITLE: Claims Against Public Liability Fund SB _____
 ANALYST: Carrillo

APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY01	FY02	FY01	FY02		
			NFI		

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

General Services Department

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 501 proposes to amend Section 41-4-23 NMSA 1978 by raising the settlement amount that can be made before first being approved by the Risk Management Division director of the General Services Department. The current limit is \$5,000, and the bill proposes to increase the amount to \$25,000.

Significant Issues

GSD staff notes the amendment would reduce the amount of time required by upper management on routine matters. It would allow quicker processing of work and allow the RMD director to focus on more difficult and critical issues. The proposed change is patterned after the practice used in the Workers' Compensation settlement process.

RELATIONSHIP

HB501 is related to SB289, Insurance for State Construction Projects.

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