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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Ferrary/Martinez, ORIGINAL DATE 2/14/17  
R/Rehm LAST UPDATED HB 223

SHORT TITLE Increase Careless Driving Penalties SB

ANALYST Romero

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

|              | FY17  | FY18    | FY19    | 3 Year<br>Total Cost | Recurring or<br>Nonrecurring | Fund<br>Affected      |
|--------------|-------|---------|---------|----------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Total</b> | \$0.0 | Minimal | Minimal | Minimal              | Recurring                    | Courts -<br>Operating |

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

#### Responses Received From

Department of Public Safety

Administrative Office of the Courts

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

HB 223 would increase the penalty for careless driving from a traffic misdemeanor, which carries a maximum of 90 days in jail, to a full misdemeanor, which carries a maximum of 364 days in jail.

### FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

None noted

### SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

Increasing the penalty for careless driving to a full misdemeanor would mean that everyone charged with this offense would be entitled to a jury trial under the New Mexico and United States Constitutions.

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