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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

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	American Asian Pacific Islander and	ORIGINAL DATE	<u>2/6/2023</u>
SHORT TITLE	<u>Hawaiian Day</u>	BILL	<u>House Bill</u>
		NUMBER	<u>274/aHRDLC</u>
		ANALYST	<u>Dick-Peddie</u>

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT* (dollars in thousands)

	FY23	FY24	FY25	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
	No fiscal impact	No fiscal impact	No fiscal impact	No fiscal impact		

Parentheses () indicate expenditure decreases.

*Amounts reflect most recent version of this legislation.

Sources of Information

LFC Files

SUMMARY

Synopsis of HRDLC Amendment to House Bill 274

The House Rural Development, Land Grants, and Cultural Affairs Committee amendment to House Bill 274 inserts the following technical language: “A new section of Chapter 12, Article 5 NMSA 1978 is enacted to read.”

Synopsis of Original Bill

House Bill 274 would make the first Tuesday of February of each odd numbered year be known as “Asian American, Pacific Islander and Native Hawaiian Day” in recognition of the cultural, economic, and historic contributions and sacrifices made to New Mexico by Asian Americans, Pacific Islanders, Native Hawaiians, East Asians, Southeast Asians, South Asians, and all other groups who have migrated from, have historical ties to, or identify as from Asia.

This bill does not contain an effective date and, as a result, would go into effect June 16, 2023, (90 days after the Legislature adjourns) if signed into law.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

It is unclear if the legislative intent is to make the new day a business holiday. This analysis assumes the legislation does not create a new business holiday, and so there is no fiscal impact.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

In recent years, many sources, including the Washington Post and NPR, cite increasing anti-Asian sentiments in the United States. According to the 2020 FBI crime statistics, there were 279 hate crimes categorized as anti-Asian, more than double the 2019 rate. Other states, including Indiana, have instituted days celebrating Asian and Pacific Islander communities similar to that proposed in HB274.

Currently, National Asian Pacific American Heritage month is celebrated in May. The resolution, signed by President Carter in 1978, "authorized and requested" the president to proclaim the 7-day period beginning May 4, 1979 as Asian Pacific American Heritage Week. It also called on Americans, and especially educators, to observe the week with "appropriate ceremonies and activities." A year later, the resolution was extended to designate the full month of May, Asian Pacific Islander Heritage month.

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