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AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS

SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION

Check all that apply:

Original X **Amendment** _____
Correction _____ **Substitute** _____

Date 01/30/2025
Bill No: SB 0188

Sponsor: Sen. Pat Woods, Sen. Liz
 Stefanics, Rep. Martin Zamora,
 Sen. Carrie Hamblen
Short Rooftop Solar Panel
Title: Installation Complaints

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SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY26	FY27		
100		Nonrecurring	General

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY26	FY27	FY28		

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY25	FY26	FY27	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total						

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates/Conflicts with/Companion to/Relates to:

None

Duplicates/Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act:

None

SECTION III: NARRATIVE

BILL SUMMARY

Synopsis:

SB0188 appropriates \$100,000 to the Energy Minerals and Natural Resources Department (EMNRD) to create a link on the EMNRD website that directs a user to a page on the N.M. Department of Justice website where they can view complaints filed against rooftop solar panel installers and find instruction for consumers to file complaints against rooftop solar panel installers.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

EMNRD will use the appropriation to fund the staff time needed from ECAM and ITO to design and publish the required link.

Since the more significant obligation rests with the DOJ, EMNRD presumes that it would pursue an MOU to transfer some of the appropriation to DOJ to build and maintain the proposed web page.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

This bill may deter dishonest business practices by increasing transparency and oversight of solar installers by more closely connecting the state departments concerned with consumer solar installations.

However, this bill does not explicitly compel the DOJ to build and maintain the DOJ website contemplated here; the legislature may wish to add that language.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

EMNRD, through its IT division, would need to design and implement online navigational links for both EMNRD and CleanEnergy.NM.gov web portals.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

TECHNICAL ISSUES

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

ALTERNATIVES

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

New Mexico residents would be frustrated seeking voice of recourse.

AMENDMENTS