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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

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Rep. Zamora **LAST UPDATED** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**SHORT TITLE** Rooftop Solar Panel Installation Complaints **BILL**  
**NUMBER** Senate Bill 188

**ANALYST** Davidson

### APPROPRIATION\* (dollars in thousands)

FY25	FY26	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
	\$100	Nonrecurring	General Fund

Parentheses ( ) indicate expenditure decreases.

\*Amounts reflect most recent analysis of this legislation.

### Sources of Information

LFC Files

#### Agency Analysis Received From

Energy, Minerals, and Natural Resources Department (EMNRD)

#### Agency Analysis was Solicited but Not Received From

New Mexico Attorney General (NMAG)

## SUMMARY

### Synopsis of Senate Bill 188

Senate Bill 188 (SB188) appropriates \$100 thousand from the general fund to the Energy, Minerals, and Natural Resources Department (EMNRD) for the purpose of creating a link on the department's website which will direct users to a page on the New Mexico Attorney General's (NMAG) website that displays consumer complains filed against rooftop solar panel installers and instructs consumers on how to file complaints against rooftop solar panel installers.

This bill does not contain an effective date and, as a result, would go into effect 90 days after the Legislature adjourns if enacted, or June 20, 2025.

## FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

Because SB188 will require additional administrative on the part of both EMNRD and the office of the attorney general. However, the bill only directs the appropriation to EMNRD. As such the implementation of the link described in the bill could potentially require additional funds or

splitting the appropriation between EMNRD and NMAG.

The appropriation of \$100 thousand contained in this bill is a nonrecurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY26 shall revert to the general fund.

## **SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

Agency analysis from EMNRD notes that the bill does not explicitly compel NMAG to build and maintain a portion of its website for consumer complaints related to rooftop solar panel installers. For this reason, EMNRD recommends additional language explicitly articulating NMAG's administrative responsibility to ensure full implementation of the bill.

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