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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Cervantes LAST UPDATED _____
ORIGINAL DATE 2/24/25
BILL
SHORT TITLE AOC Transcription Services NUMBER Senate Bill 504
ANALYST Chavez

APPROPRIATION* (dollars in thousands)

FY25	FY26	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
\$0.0	\$12,000.0	Nonrecurring	General Fund

Parentheses () indicate expenditure decreases.

*Amounts reflect most recent analysis of this legislation.

Sources of Information

LFC Files

Agency Analysis Received From

Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC)

New Mexico Attorney General (NMAG)

Health Care Authority (HCA)

Agency Analysis was Solicited but Not Received From

Public Defender Department (PDD)

State Ethics Commission (SEC)

Agency Declined to Respond

Administrative Hearings Office (AHO)

Administrative Office of the District Attorneys (AODA)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Senate Bill 504

Senate Bill 504 (SB504) appropriates \$12 million from the general fund to the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) for the purpose of providing transcription services statewide.

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

The appropriation of \$12 million 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

AOC provides the following:

AOC's Judicial Information Division has upgraded over 40 courtrooms with state-of-the-art technology that allows for quick transcription of court hearings. This technology requires installation of hardware, software, electrical and data cabling which produces accurate and verifiable digital records for both audio and transcription.

These upgrades significantly enhance the experience of the parties in front of the court, the public, and the trial and appellate processes.

There are over 350 courtrooms and hearing rooms across the state that would benefit from these upgrades and buildouts.

AOC anticipates \$12 million will allow for these upgrades in roughly 30 additional courtrooms.

TECHNICAL ISSUES

AOC provides the following:

To ensure the funding would cover all aspects of the speech-to-text transcription upgrades AOC would suggest a small amendment:

On page 1 line 18, replace “for transcription services statewide” with “for statewide implementation of the speech to text project, including hardware, software, installation, and transcription services.”

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