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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Altamirano DATE TYPED 2/7/2004 HB _____

SHORT TITLE Accountability In Government Act Changes SB 561

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APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY04	FY05	FY04	FY05		
			NFI		

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files
 Energy, Mineral and Natural Resources Department
 Department of Health
 Worker's Compensation Administration
 Department of Transportation

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

The bill is part of a consensus agreement between the Department of Finance and Administration – State Budget Division (DFA/SBD) and the Legislative Finance Committee (LFC) staff. A majority of the proposed changes improve the processes and submissions required by the Accountability in Government Act (AGA). The bill will also change the date required for the executive budget submission to January 15th for a 60-day legislative sessions and January 5th for a 30-day legislative session.

The bill changes the name of the Accountability on Government Act to Managing and Legislating for Results in Government Act. This name is more in line with executive and legislative initiatives in this area. The name change also reflects the emphasis on agencies results.

The bill also consolidates several deadlines for DFA/SBD and agencies. This consolidation will reduce paperwork and staff time spent on AGA paperwork requirements. The date for DFA/SBD to issue instructions to the agencies for development of performance measures is changed from

June 1st to June 15th. This date allows DFA/SBD to integrate the instructions for the development of performance measures in the budget request instructions which are also due on June 15th.

To improve functionality and clarify requirements, two of the three deadlines in the act are consolidated. Under current law, agencies are required to submit their program list on May 1st and their performance measures on July 1st. The bill also establishes a deadline of July 15th for agencies to request a change in their programs or performance measures. DFA/SBD will have thirty days to consult with the LFC and approve or disapprove the requested change.

The bill clarifies the requirement that agencies need to develop and maintain a monitoring plan and not submit it annually.

A new requirement is the introduction of quarterly reporting for key agencies and key performance measures. The bill places the selection of agencies and measure with DFA/SBD, but requires consultation with the LFC.

The bill adds definition of “output” and “performance target”. Inclusion of the performance target definition will require agencies to identify the expected level of performance for each of their program measures.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The bill has no direct fiscal implications. The changes are designed to reduce paperwork, improve processes and allow better analysis by DFA/SBD and LFC staff.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

DFA/SBD will need to work with the LFC to identify key agencies and performance measures prior to agencies submitting quarterly reports.

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