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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 01/29/12

SPONSOR Boitano and James LAST UPDATED \_\_\_\_\_ HB \_\_\_\_\_

SHORT TITLE Naming of Public Property or Programs SB 172

ANALYST Wilson

### ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

|              | FY12 | FY13    | FY14    | 3 Year Total Cost | Recurring or Nonrecurring | Fund Affected                              |
|--------------|------|---------|---------|-------------------|---------------------------|--|
| <b>Total</b> |      | Minimal | Minimal |                   | Recurring                 | GF & funds of other public building owners |

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

#### Responses Received From

Attorney General's Office (AGO)

General Services Department (GSD)

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 172 prohibits state agencies and local governments from naming public property after a living person or public official during that official's term in office, and establishes the following naming procedures:

For a state building under the control of the Property Control Division (PCD) of the General Services Department (GSD), the secretary of GSD shall appoint a naming committee to develop a list of at least three names for review by the secretary and the governor.

For other state building under the control of other state agencies, local governments, regional cooperatives, public school boards and institutions of higher education, the judicial branch or the legislative branch, the secretary, director, board, commission or other final decision-maker shall appoint a naming committee to develop a list of at least three names for review by the final decision-maker.

In developing the list, the naming committee may propose descriptive or associative names, names honoring a place, object or event or names honoring a person who made a major contribution to New Mexico history, culture, administration or development.

If the naming committee considers listing a person for consideration, it shall conduct extensive research and solicit input from the state historian and community in which the public building is located.

### **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are no fiscal implications.

### **SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

GSD indicates there is currently no statutory guidance with regard to naming public buildings. The bill will establish clear guidelines to perform this task openly and perhaps, with some public input.

SB172 prohibits naming public property after a living person or public official during that official's term in office. It is not necessary to prohibit naming a building after a public official during that official's term in office since that official is still living.

### **PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS**

The bill could slow the process of naming buildings, but there is no clear detriment to performance associated with a slower process.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

Each public entity considering naming a public building or program would be tasked with developing their own naming committee. Minimal administrative and support staff time will be incurred.

### **POSSIBLE QUESTIONS**

The bill does not specify the implications of public buildings and programs currently named after living or serving public officials. Will existing previously named buildings or programs be grandfathered in?

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