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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 02/25/13

SPONSOR Miera LAST UPDATED \_\_\_\_\_ HB 608

SHORT TITLE Bernalillo Criminal Justice & Review SB \_\_\_\_\_

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

	FY13	FY14	FY15	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
<b>Total</b>	NFI	Minimal	Minimal	Minimal	Recurring	Agency operating budgets

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

#### Responses Received From

Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC)  
 Administrative Office of the District Attorneys (AODA)  
 New Mexico Corrections Department (NMCD)  
 New Mexico Sentencing Commission (NMSC)

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 608 (HB 608) creates the “Bernalillo county criminal justice review commission,” to exist from July 1, 2013, through June 30, 2015. The Commission shall be composed of the following members or their designees:

- Chief Judge of the Second Judicial District;
- Chief Judge of the Bernalillo County Metropolitan Court;
- The Second Judicial District Attorney;
- The Bernalillo County Sheriff;
- The Chair of the Board of County Commissioners of Bernalillo County;
- The Chief of the Albuquerque Police Department;
- The District Public Defender of the Second Judicial District;
- The Director of the Administrative Office of the Courts;
- The Region Manager of Region 2 of the Adult Probation and Parole Division of the New Mexico Corrections department; and
- The Executive Director of the New Mexico Association of Counties.

The Director of the AOC will chair the Commission, calling the first meeting within 30 days of the effective date of this section, and at the Director's call thereafter.

The Commission is charged with reviewing the criminal justice system in Bernalillo county, including the judicial process, sentencing, community corrections alternatives and jail overcrowding. Following its review, the Commission shall make recommendations for revisions or alternatives to local and state laws for improving the delivery of criminal justice in Bernalillo county. A copy of the Commission's recommendations shall be provided to each commission member as well as to the Legislative Finance Committee and to the appropriate interim legislative committee.

### **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

There may be a small cost to the agencies involved for travel expenses.

### **SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

The AOC has noted that in November 2009, the National Center for State Courts (NCSC) published a study entitled "Felony Caseflow Management in Bernalillo County, New Mexico." The study was performed under an agreement with Bernalillo County, and its findings are based on interviews, observations, published reports, and felony case processing data provided by the 2<sup>nd</sup> Judicial District Court and the Bernalillo County District Attorney's Office. The study includes many recommendations on improvements to caseflow management in Bernalillo County that could help the Commission created by HB 608 in its work.

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