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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

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SHORT TITLE Gender-Neutral Language in Bills SB 232

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ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY13	FY14	FY15	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total	NFI	NFI	NFI			

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

New Mexico Compilation Commission (NMCC)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 232 requires the Legislative Council Service (LCS) to use gender-neutral language in drafting, memorials, resolutions and other legislative documents except when language is intended or required to be gender-specific or the intended meaning would otherwise be altered. When current laws and other published documents are being amended or revised pursuant to a legislative request to LCS, the LCS shall replace gender-specific language with gender-neutral language where appropriated and reasonable.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

No fiscal impact to the state is anticipated.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

SB 232 puts into statute a practice that is currently being employed.

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