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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Sanchez, M **ORIGINAL DATE** 02/02/14
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SHORT TITLE Fire Marshal Fire & Smoke Damper Work Group **SM** 27/aSRC

ANALYST Clark

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY14	FY15	FY16	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total		Minimal	Minimal			

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Public Regulation Commission (PRC)

New Mexico Corrections Department (NMCD)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of SRC Amendment

The Senate Rules Committee Amendment makes two minor grammatical changes, adds the Construction Industries Division of the Regulation and Licensing Department to the working group, and adds the New Mexico Sheet Metal Contractors Association to the list of entities receiving copies of this memorial.

Synopsis of Original Bill

Senate Memorial 27 requests the state fire marshal convene a working group to study, evaluate, and make recommendations concerning the inspection requirements applicable to fire dampers, smoke dampers, and smoke control systems. Additionally, it requests the working group study, evaluate, and make recommendations regarding requirements for the inspection, testing, and maintenance of fire dampers, smoke dampers, and smoke control systems in facilities that house occupants who require evacuation assistance. Finally, the memorial requests the working group study, evaluate, and make recommendations concerning the certification of contractors who perform inspection, testing, and maintenance of fire dampers, smoke dampers, and smoke control systems.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

There would be minimal administrative costs and travel expenses for the agencies participating in the working group.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The analysis by the state fire marshal of the Public Regulation Commission only notes requirements for smoke control systems in buildings is currently addressed through the State Fire Code.

The New Mexico Corrections Department (NMCD) reports its state-owned prisons are on average 30 years or older, and may contain less than state-of-the-art fire dampers, smoke dampers, and smoke control systems. Some of the recommendations of the working group could result in substantial expense to NMCD if they were to require completely new or state-of-the-art systems. However, the recommendations might also allow the agency to upgrade or maintain its current systems at low or reasonable cost. NMCD wants to ensure its inmates are housed in a safe and cost-effective manner.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

There would be minimal administrative requirements for the agencies participating in the working group.

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