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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR	Rehm	ORIGINAL DATE LAST UPDATED	2/5/16 HB	39
SHORT TITL	LE Employee Leave for	Employee Leave for Legislators		
			ANALYST	Jorgensen

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY16	FY17	FY18	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total		NFI				

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Department of Finance and Administration (DFA)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 39 requires legislators employed by political subdivisions to take annual leave, compensatory leave, or leave without pay when attending meetings that are eligible for per diem and mileage reimbursement. This bill also provides language to ensure that affected legislators do not lose seniority within their respective political subdivision due to taking leave to attend legislative meetings. The bill also clarifies that the time on leave from the political subdivision is not considered a break in service.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no fiscal implications associated with enactment of HB 39.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

DFA states, in 2012, the Albuquerque Public School Board voted to change its policy regarding school district employees who serve in the legislature to require legislator employees to take unpaid leave while serving the legislature. This bill would standardize treatment of legislator leave across all political subdivisions to ensure consistent treatment.