

Fiscal impact reports (FIRs) are prepared by the Legislative Finance Committee (LFC) for standing finance committees of the NM Legislature. The LFC does not assume responsibility for the accuracy of these reports if they are used for other purposes.

Current and previously issued FIRs are available on the NM Legislative Website (www.nmlegis.gov) and may also be obtained from the LFC in Suite 101 of the State Capitol Building North.

FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Padilla/Gentry ORIGINAL DATE 2/11/16
 LAST UPDATED _____ HB _____

SHORT TITLE Office of Inspector General, CA SJR 21

ANALYST Jorgensen

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY16	FY17	FY18	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
		\$104.0	\$400.0*	\$504.0*	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

*See fiscal implications below.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Children, Youth, and Families Department (CYFD)

New Mexico Corrections Department (NMCD)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Joint Resolution 21 amends Article 4 of the New Mexico Constitution to create an office of the inspector general (OIG) in the legislative branch of government. The qualifications of the inspector general and the powers and duties of the office are to be determined by the Legislature.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The Secretary of State estimates the total cost of adding a constitutional amendment to the general election ballot to be \$104 thousand based on actual 2010 expenditures.

In addition to ballot expenses, the office would need to be staffed presumably in FY18. At minimum, it is likely the OIG will require an executive director and a general counsel. Assuming direct personnel costs of \$240 thousand for two FTE and an additional \$160 thousand for operational costs including facility and equipment rental costs, IT equipment and office supplies, travel and per diem costs, as well as contractual services for expert services, the OIG operations are likely to cost \$4000 thousand.

The estimated operational costs of \$400.0 thousand per year could vary significantly depending

Senate Joint Resolution 21 – Page 2

on the powers and duties provided by the legislature following voter approval of the provisions of SJR 21.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

SJM 21 relates to SB 41 which enacts the inspector general act and appropriates \$500 thousand to support the operations of the office.

CJ/jle