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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Trujillo, L ORIGINAL DATE 02/03/17
LAST UPDATED _____ HB 137
SHORT TITLE County Subdivision Regulation Filing SB _____
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ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY17	FY18	FY19	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total		See fiscal impact				

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

New Mexico Commission of Public Records (NMCPR)

SUMMARY

Synopsis

House Bill 137 (HB 137) amends the County Subdivision Act to eliminate the state records administrator from any requirements for filing of any county subdivision regulation.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

NMCPR has suggested counties will incur additional costs to properly house and protect these historical and permanent records to prevent loss and ensure the preservation of history.

NMCPR also notes that the bill would lessen the demand for space at the NMCPR.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

NMCPR reports that many counties do not employ archivists, and existing staff would require specialized training to create finding aids and/or electronic inventory systems to assist in physically locating the records to provide access to the public. Another consideration might be to provide the documents online to facilitate their accessibility and transparency. Finally, most counties lack adequate space and environmental conditions to properly store permanent records.

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