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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Lente ORIGINAL DATE 2/14/17
LAST UPDATED 2/17/17 HB 369/aHLELC
SHORT TITLE Minority-Language Radio Stations SB _____
ANALYST Esquibel

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY17	FY18		
	\$10.0*	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

***The appropriation would be authorized for FY18 and FY19.**

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Secretary of State's Office (SOS)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of HLELC Amendment

The House Local Government, Elections, Land Grants and Cultural Affairs Committee amendment to House Bill 369 specify the \$10 thousand appropriation would be to supplement counties providing minority language radio "broadcast of primary and general election information" to minority language speaking voters.

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 369 (HB369) appropriates \$10 thousand in FY18 and FY19 from the general fund to the Secretary of State's Office (SOS) to supplement counties providing minority language radio services to minority language speaking voters.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$10 thousand contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY19 shall revert to the general fund.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The Secretary of State’s Office (SOS) reports in compliance with Section 1-2-3 NMSA 1978, the SOS already provides minority language broadcasts before every statewide election of election information including the proclamation in communities where the minority language is historically unwritten. It is presumed this bill, along with the suggested appropriation, will be used to further supplement these activities by increasing the number of broadcasts to increase the current outreach to the targeted voting demographic.

TECHNICAL ISSUES

The Secretary of State’s Office notes the bill should be amended to clarify that the appropriation is to provide additional minority language broadcasts of election information for the 2018 primary and general election in compliance with Section 1-2-3 NMSA 1978.

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