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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

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 LAST UPDATED _____ HB _____

SHORT TITLE Human Rights Claims on Sunshine Portal SB 88

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ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY18	FY19	FY20	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total		Minimal	Minimal		Recurring	General Fund/Other State Funds

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to HB218, SB83

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Public School Insurance Authority (PSIA)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 88 proposes to amend the Sunshine Portal Act to require state agencies to post facts leading to settlement agreements, the amount of public money used to pay compensatory damages and attorney fees within 30 days of the execution of the settlement agreement.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The New Mexico Public School Insurance Authority (NMPSIA) reports it would incur the cost to train member school districts, charters, and institutes of higher education to use the Sunshine Portal and how to properly summarize the required information to remain in compliance with this proposal. In addition, having settlement information readily accessible could have the effect of driving up the demands of plaintiffs and/or attorneys on claims with state agencies, increasing the amount of public money being spent on such settlements over time.

The Department of Information Technology (DoIT) in its response to HB218 that there are potential cost savings in centralizing online transparency websites, and potentially expanding the capabilities of the Sunshine Portal.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

DoIT also states in its response to HB218 that the Sunshine portal allows the state to have a central location to post public information for public consumption, and allows for one more tool for transparency that state agencies can use. DoIT would be able to potentially expand the capabilities of the Sunshine Portal to provide any type of public information, not just those exclusively listed in the bill, online in one centrally located place.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

Relates to
HB218 Additional & Withheld Sunshine Portal Info
HB83 Sunshine Portal Audit & Compliance

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