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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR	<u>Rodriguez</u>	LAST UPDATED	<u>2/27/2023</u>
SHORT TITLE	<u>Magistrate Court Property</u>	ORIGINAL DATE	<u>2/27/2023</u>
		BILL NUMBER	<u>Senate Joint Resolution 12</u>
		ANALYST	<u>Gray</u>

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT* (dollars in thousands)

	FY23	FY24	FY25	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
	No fiscal impact	(\$200)	No fiscal impact	(\$200)	Nonrecurring	AOC Funds

Parentheses () indicate expenditure decreases.

*Amounts reflect most recent analysis of this legislation.

Sources of Information

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC)

General Services Department (GSD)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Senate Joint Resolution 12

Senate Joint Resolution 12 would transfer four vacant lots in Santa Fe from the General Services Department (GSD) to the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) for a new magistrate court in Santa Fe County.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

AOC has been appropriated \$22 million dollars to plan and construct the new court in Santa Fe. AOC has executed an RFP for the design and planning of the courthouse. The new courthouse is planned to be three stories and approximately 43,650 square feet.

Without the transfer, AOC would either need to purchase the land or rent it from a landlord. The estimated fiscal impact is positive because it allows AOC to forgo this expense. Based on market rates, it is estimated the savings associated with SJR12 is about \$200 thousand in FY24, which assumes that AOC would purchase the land without the GSD transfer.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

An AOC workload study from 2019 shows there is a need for 5.3 judges in the Santa Fe magistrate court. There are currently only four judges, and there is no room to put another judge in the current building. In order to request an additional judgeship at the Santa Fe magistrate court, the court needs the additional space to accommodate the position.

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