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AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS - 2025 REGULAR SESSION

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SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION

{Indicate if analysis is on an original bill, amendment, substitute or a correction of a previous bill}

Date Prepared: 1/16/2025 *Check all that apply:*
Bill Number: HB 62 Original Correction
 Amendment Substitute

Sponsor: Christine Chandler **Agency Name and Code** 218 AOC
Short Title: Uniform Investigative Demand Procedure **Number:** _____
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SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY25	FY26		

(Parenthesis () indicate expenditure decreases)

REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY25	FY26	FY27		

(Parenthesis () indicate revenue decreases)

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY25	FY26	FY27	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total	NFI	NFI	NFI			

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates/Conflicts with/Companion to/Relates to:
Duplicates/Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act

SECTION III: NARRATIVE

BILL SUMMARY

Synopsis: The bill addresses the attorney general's power to seek information prior to the filing of a suit through a civil investigative demand. This power existed previously in the law, but was scattered throughout different statutes without a consistent procedure. The bill consolidates the power into one section with a consistent procedure allowing for broader and more consistent use of the tool. The primary difference between the existing power and the bill rests in the requirement that any petition objecting to a civil investigative demand must be filed in the district court in Santa Fe county, rather than in the county where the documents reside or activity occurs.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The bill has the potential to impact the case load of the district court in Santa Fe county given that it would be the sole court with jurisdiction to hear petitions related to these inquiries. It would lead to an increase in judge and staff time in one district court.

Note: major assumptions underlying fiscal impact should be documented.

Note: if additional operating budget impact is estimated, assumptions and calculations should be reported in this section.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

No significant issues are identified from the perspective of AOC.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

The bill has the potential to impact the case load of the district court in Santa Fe county. However, it is not presently possible to estimate the impact, as this power has not been broadly employed previously.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

See *Performance Implications* above.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

No such issues are identified from the perspective of AOC.

TECHNICAL ISSUES

No such issues are identified from the perspective of AOC.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

No such issues are identified from the perspective of AOC.

ALTERNATIVES

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

The status quo is maintained if the bill is not enacted.

AMENDMENTS