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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: 01/29/25 *Check all that apply:*
Bill Number: HB143 Original Correction
 Amendment Substitute

Sponsor: Rep. Sarah Silva **Agency Name and Code** State Ethics Commission (410)
Short Title: Lobbying Activity Reports **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	Indeterminate	Indeterminate	Indeterminate			General
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(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: HB143 adds a new section to the Lobbyist Regulation Act (“LRA”) NMSA 1978, §§2-11-1 to-10 (1977, as amended through 2021). The new section would require lobbyists, or lobbyist employers that are otherwise required to file an expenditure report pursuant to Section 2-11-6 of the LRA to file an additional activity report on legislation that the filer either lobbied in support of or opposition to. HB143 requires the filer to note whether their position toward the legislation changed, and requires lobbyist efforts to be reported even after adjournment of the legislative session but before the time in which the Governor may act. Should the proposed legislation pass, the new reporting requirements would take effect January 1, 2027.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The fiscal impact on the State Ethics Commission (“SEC”) is unlikely. The SEC is already tasked with enforcement of the LRA, *see* NMSA 1978 § 10-16G-9(A)(providing that the Commission has enforcement jurisdiction over the compliance provisions of certain statutes, including the LRA). HB 143 does create new disclosure requirements for filers, which may result in the SEC receiving additional complaints. However, unless those complaints are exponential the impact to the SEC’s operating budget is minimal. Furthermore, claims made under the LRA are subject to referral to the Office of the Secretary of State to seek voluntary compliance pursuant to Subsection 2-11-8.2 (B) before the SEC pursues further enforcement against the filer.

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

HB143 would modernize the LRA in a way that is consistent with the nationwide trend in states requiring disclosure of lobbyist efforts towards specific legislation. *See* [State Lobbying Disclosure: A Scorecard • OpenSecrets](#) & [State Lobby Chart - All by Open Secrets - Infogram](#)

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

Currently there is one other bill that amends the LRA, SB90, however this bill does not conflict

nor is it duplicative of HB143.

TECHNICAL ISSUES

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

ALTERNATIVES

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

AMENDMENTS