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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: 2/21/2025 *Check all that apply:*
Bill Number: H529-341 Original Correction
 Amendment Substitute

Sponsor: Rep. Parajón **Agency Name and Code:** DFA-341
Short Title: FUNDING FOR HOUSING CIVIL LEGAL SERVICES **Number:** _____
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SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY25	FY26		
	(\$14,000.0)	Nonrecurring	General Fund
	\$14,000.0	Nonrecurring	Civil Legal Services Fund

(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		3,920		3,920	nr	gf

(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

House Bill 529 (HB529) appropriates \$14 million from the general fund to the Civil Legal Services Fund (“Fund”) for civil legal services relating to housing.

This bill is effective July 1, 2025.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

HB529 appropriates \$14 million from the general fund for expenditure in fiscal year 2026 and subsequent fiscal years.

Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of the fiscal year 2026 shall not revert to the general fund

Senate Bill 529 outlines a total of \$14 million transfer from the general fund to the Civil Legal Services Fund (“Fund”) for civil legal services relating to housing.

Fund Management: Costs associated with the Department of Finance and Administration managing the transfer, including staff salaries, office expenses, and financial management systems.

Project Evaluation and Monitoring: Expenses related to evaluating project proposals, monitoring funded projects, and ensuring compliance with the requirements, including staff time and resources for site visits and data analysis.

Community Engagement: Costs for organizing and conducting community meetings, outreach programs, and developing community benefits agreements to monitor compliance with the appropriation referenced in the bill.

Reporting: Costs associated with preparing and submitting annual reports to the appropriate interim legislative committees, including staff time and administrative support.

Any unexpended or unencumbered balances remaining at the end FY 26 will revert back to the General Fund, potentially mitigating long-term fiscal impacts to the Local Government Division.

Assuming 80 work hours will be needed for a PB80, the estimated cost per hour is \$49. $\$49 \times 80 = \$3,920.00$.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

The Civil Legal Services Commission (“Commission”) is administratively attached to the Local

Government Division (LGD) of the Department of Finance and Administration. The Commission is charged with entering into contracts for the expenditure of the Fund pursuant to the Procurement Code [13-1-28 to 13-1-199 NMSA 1978]. LGD manages the contracts and the Fund. To distribute funding, the Commission will either entered into new contracts or add the funding appropriated in this bill to existing contracts.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

TECHNICAL ISSUES

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

ALTERNATIVES

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

AMENDMENTS