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AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS - 2025 REGULAR SESSION

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	Date Prepared : January 25, 2025			Check all that apply:				
Bill Number: SB 70				Original X Correction Amendment Substitute				
Sponsor:	Craig W. Brandt		Agency and Coo Number	de			ive Office of the orneys 264	
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SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)								
	Appropr	iation		Re	ecurr	ring	Fund	
	EV25	EV2	6		or Nonrecurring		Affected	

Appropr	iation	Recurring	Fund Affected	
FY25	FY26	or Nonrecurring		

 $(Parenthesis\ (\)\ indicate\ expenditure\ decreases)$

REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

	Recurring	Fund		
FY25	FY26	FY27	or Nonrecurring	Affected

(Parenthesis () indicate revenue decreases)

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

Lines 11-14	FY25	FY26	FY27	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total						

(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:

SB 70 amends Section 30-42-3, NMSA 1978, by adding 11 crimes to the definition of "Racketeering." See page 4, lines 7-25 and page 5, lines 1-3.

Amends Section 30-42-4, NMSA 1978 by adding the definition of "criminal gang." Page 5, lines 12-15. It also adds a new subsection prohibiting a person who is in a leadership position to knowingly finance, supervisor conspired to commit, through the direction of members of the enterprise, racketeering activity. A person was convicted of this subsection, is guilty of a first felony.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

Note: major assumptions underlying fiscal impact should be documented.

None

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

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

SB 70 adds more tools for law enforcement and prosecutors to deal with organized crime. The added crimes to the definitions are those crimes that are frequently committed by organized crime. Of particular note is adding the crime of human trafficking that it is all too prevalent and is almost always carried out by organized crime. Adding the additional crimes would allow law enforcement to thoroughly investigate sex traffickers, prison gangs and the insurrection activist groups.

Listing criminal gains as a possible enterprise and then defining what a criminal gang gears, seems to be in line with what is often used by federal law enforcement agencies, including the FBI. Additionally, New Mexico agencies, such as Bernalillo County Sheriff's office, have been reintegrated with the GANGNET database which also uses the proposed statutory definition of gangs. This addition could help prosecutors in situations where a gang is conducting illicit activity does not necessarily match the pre-existing definition of "enterprise," as the statute is currently written. When prosecuting someone for racketeering, proving the "enterprise" is one of the greatest hurdles.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

TECHNICAL ISSUES

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

ALTERNATIVES

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL Status Quo.

AMENDMENTS