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## **AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS - 2025 REGULAR SESSION**

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	N I: GENERAL IN			a correction of a	a previous bil	B	
	Date Prepared: 1/28/2025 Bill Number: SB 90			Check all that apply: Original X Correction Amendment Substitute			
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Short Title:	NO LEGISLATORS AS LOBBYISTS FOR 2 YEARS		Person Writing Phone: 505-479-262			y Bachman lindsey.bachman@sos.nm.go	
SECTION	N II: FISCAL IMP A	<u>ACT</u> PPROPRIAT	ION (dol	lars in thou	sands)		
	Appropriation			Recurring		Fund	
	FY25		6	or Nonrecurring		Affected	
(Parenthesis	( ) indicate expenditure	decreases)		1			

## **REVENUE** (dollars in thousands)

Estimated Revenue			Recurring	Fund
FY25	FY26	FY27	or Nonrecurring	Affected

(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		\$30			Nonrecurring	

(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 90 prohibits legislators from accepting compensation as lobbyists for a period of two years after their service, prohibits employers of lobbyists from compensating former legislators as lobbyists for two years after service and requires a lobbyist to file a statement at the time of registration stating whether or not they have been a legislator in the past two years. Upon receipt of a registration that indicates such recent legislative service, the bill further requires the secretary of state (SOS) to notify the lobbyist's employers. It also requires the penalties within the Lobbyist Regulation Act apply for violations of its provisions.

#### FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The provisions found in Section 2 of SB 90 would require enhancements to the state's online lobbyist reporting system. The lobbyist registration process would need to be modified to allow for the submission of a statement from the filer as to whether or not the lobbyist has served as a state legislator in the past two years. A new notification would also need to be generated to that lobbyist's employers.

Based on financial data related to recent enhancements to the system, these modifications would require a one-time cost of approximately \$30,000.

#### SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

#### PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

By adding additional reporting requirements, the SOS will have additional administration duties associated with education, compliance, and enforcement. The full funding of the SOS's budget request is necessary to keep up with the volume of work associated with all of the statutory duties supported by the office.

### CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

#### **TECHNICAL ISSUES**

#### **OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES**

The attorney general is responsible for investigating alleged violations of the Lobbyist Regulation Act, Chapter 2, Article 11 NMSA 1978. Any person who knowingly violates any of the provisions

of the act is guilty of a misdemeanor shall be fined up to \$1,000.

# ALTERNATIVES

# WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

# **AMENDMENTS**