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AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS - 2025 REGULAR SESSION

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SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION

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Date Prepared: 1/29/25 *Check all that apply:*
Bill Number: SB 173 Original Correction
 Amendment Substitute

Sponsor: Senator Gallegos & Senator Maestas **Agency Name and Code** 366-PERA
Short Title: TELECOMMUNICATORS AS POLICE MEMBERS IN PERA **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						

(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 173 amends the PERA Act [NMSA 1978 10-11-2] to include public safety telecommunicators employed by a municipality or the state in the definition of “municipal police member” and “state police member”. These employee groups are both currently covered under a 25-year retirement plan, either Municipal General Coverage Plan 1-5 or State General Member Coverage Plan 3 respectively; The amendment also requires that PERA conduct an election for members currently covered under Municipal General Coverage Plan 1-5 to move into Municipal Police Coverage Plan 5. Lastly, the amendment requires that PERA conduct an election for members covered under State General Member Coverage Plan 3 to move to State Public Safety Member Coverage Plan 1.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

For the year ending June 30, 2024, the State Public Safety plan fund has a funded ratio of 124.3% and the Municipal Police plan has a funded ratio of 71.40%.

Currently PERA has not been provided a comprehensive list of the affected personnel, so we are unable to perform an actuarial analysis on the impact of SB 173 on the State Public Safety plan fund and the Municipal Police Fund.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

There have been numerous member groups that have proposed being combined with State Police and Adult Correctional Officer Member Coverage Plan 1 benefits in recent years. The cumulative effect of multiple groups moving into the division is unknown. As benefit levels increase, the incentive to retire earlier may further increase costs.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

SB 173 will not impact PERA’s performance measures.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

PERA will have to make system modifications to its pension administration system to ensure that members are placed under the correct coverage plan.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

None.

TECHNICAL ISSUES

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

There may be distinctions between police officers under the current PERA police plans and dispatchers in terms of Social Security benefits. This could be further analyzed if PERA possessed complete information.

ALTERNATIVES

None.

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

Public Safety Telecommunicators would continue to be covered under their current coverage plans with the current benefit structure.

AMENDMENTS

None.