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AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS - 2025 REGULAR SESSION

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SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION

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Date Prepared: 02/19/2025 *Check all that apply:*
Bill Number: SB440 Original Correction
 Amendment Substitute

Sponsor: Senator Antoinette Sedillo Lopez **Agency Name and Code Number:** General Services Department
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SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY25	FY26		
NA	NA	NA	NA

(Parenthesis () indicate expenditure decreases)

REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY25	FY26	FY27		
NA	NA	NA	NA	NA

(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	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA

(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: SB440 appropriates \$250,000 from the general fund to the Department of Finance and Administration (DFA) to support state agency language access plans, as required by Section 9-1-5 NMSA 1978. The appropriation does not revert to the general fund if unexpended. Funding is recurring, meaning it applies to FY26 and subsequent years.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The General Services Department does not foresee any fiscal, performance or administrative impacts on the department.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

State agency language access plans are required under Section 9-1-5 NMSA 1978, which mandates equitable access to government services for individuals with limited English proficiency. The funding ensures agencies can implement, maintain, or expand language access programs, including translation and interpretation services.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

The bill could enhance state agency efficiency and compliance with language access laws.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

DFA would oversee fund allocation and program oversight. State agencies would possibly need to submit language access plans and budgets to DFA for funding approval.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

Possible relate to the General Appropriation Act, or possible duplicate other language access initiatives at the state level.

TECHNICAL ISSUES

The bill does not outline specific criteria for fund distribution.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

The bill aligns with federal Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which mandates language access for federally funded programs.

ALTERNATIVES

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

State agencies may struggle to meet language access requirements.

AMENDMENTS