

the accused / arrested / indicted as part of the defendant's right to confront his accuser. If any such information regarding the victim is necessary to the defense, it may be obtained through a court order. This balances the victims' rights to privacy with the defendants' constitutional trial rights.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no fiscal implications for the state with HB 970/HJCS.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPACT

The Department of Public Safety expressly notes that the redacting of certain information is an additional task that can be absorbed into existing personnel and budget resources.

RELATIONSHIP

A victim's privacy right is a State of New Mexico Constitutional Right. See Article II, Section 24. This bill also relates to the Victims of Crime Act, NMSA 1978, Sections 31-26-1 through 14.

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