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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 1/18/08

SPONSOR Rawson LAST UPDATED _____ HB _____

SHORT TITLE Lobbyist Compensation Reporting Requirements SB 73

ANALYST Ortiz

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY08	FY09		
NFI	NFI		

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Attorney General's Office (AOC)
 Association of County Clerks (ACC)
 Corrections Department (NMCD)

No Responses Received From

Secretary of State

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 73 amends the lobbyist regulation act to require lobbyist compensation to be reported if the lobbyist's employer is the state or a political subdivision of the state. It also adds that the Secretary of State must provide internet access for all reports in an easily searchable format. However, the Attorney General's Office states that it duplicates Section 1-19-32C, NMSA 1978, of the Campaign Reporting Act.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The Attorney General's Office offers that by requiring public body lobbyists to make these disclosures, the bill creates an avenue for the public to more easily acquire information on public body lobbying activities that already constitutes a public record.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

As noted above, the second provision which requires electronic access duplicates the provision in Section 1-19-32C, NMSA 1978, of the Campaign Reporting Act.

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

If this bill is not enacted it may be more difficult for the public to acquire information about public agency lobbying activities that constitutes a public record.

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