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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Munoz **ORIGINAL DATE** 02/04/10
LAST UPDATED 02/12/10 **HB** _____
SHORT TITLE Owner Liability for Renter Utility Service **SB** 147/aSPAC
ANALYST Lucero

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY10	FY11		
	None		

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From
Attorney General's Office (AGO)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Senate Public Affairs Committee Amendment

The Senate Public Affairs amendment to Senate Bill 147 excludes municipal utilities that distribute but do not own electric generation facilities from the provisions of the bill.

Synopsis of Original Bill

Senate Bill 147 proposes to amend Section 3-23-6 NMSA 1978, regarding municipal utilities, more specifically, the section that provides an exception to the provision that a property owner is personally responsible for utility service and a lien may be created when there are past due amounts. The statute allows that if the owner notifies the municipality in writing that s/he will not be responsible for a renter's charges.

The bill clarifies that the owner will not be liable for utility service charges after the written notification whether or not the renter pays for such service or whether the municipality receives notice that the renter has vacated the premises. The bill declares an emergency.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no fiscal impacts to state agencies.

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