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# FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Moores LAST UPDATED 03/16/15 HB

SHORT TITLE Naming of Public Facilities SB 481/aSPAC

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## **APPROPRIATION** (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring	Fund
FY15	FY16	or Nonrecurring	Affected
	NFI		

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

#### **SOURCES OF INFORMATION**

LFC Files

Responses Received From
Department of Transportation (DOT)
Attorney General's Office (AGO)
General Services Department (GSD)
Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC)

#### **SUMMARY**

## Synopsis of SPAC Amendment

The Senate Public Affairs Committee Amendment deletes the term "or crimes of moral turpitude" as it pertains to conduct of a person or public officer, and further clarifies that a public facility shall not be named for any person or public officer who has been convicted of a felony.

## Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 481 (SB 481) is an act related to the naming of public facilities.

## FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

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## **SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

More specifically,

- no public building will be named for a public official during their term in office;
- no public facility will be named for any person or public officer convicted of a felony or crimes of moral turpitude;
- if a building has already been named after a convicted felon or a criminal of moral turpitude, the name will be removed immediately;
- a public facility that has been named after an individual that later becomes a public official may continue to bear that name; and
- a public building that has been named after a public official prior to the effective date of the proposed act may continue to bear that name.

## PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

There are currently no statutes regarding the naming or renaming of public facilities.

## ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

For facilities owned by the Facilities Management Division, the GSD Secretary will appoint a committee to create a list of at least 3 names for consideration by the Secretary and Governor.

#### TECHNICAL ISSUES

SB 481 does not include a definition for "crimes of moral turpitude".

SB 481 only requires the appointment of a naming committee for GSD-controlled facilities.

SB 481 does not contain penalties or provisions for removing a name.

## **ALTERNATIVES**

Consider only naming public facilities after deceased public officials or public officers that have demonstrated a life without felonies or crimes of moral turpitude.

## WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

The naming of buildings will continue to be the prerogative of executive decision makers.

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