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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

**SPONSOR** Burt/Herrera/Stefanics **ORIGINAL DATE** 01/22/20  
/Armstrong, G. **LAST UPDATED** 02/04/20 **HB** \_\_\_\_\_

**SHORT TITLE** Complete Count In 2020 Census **SB** 4/ec

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### APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY20	FY21		
\$8,000.0		Nonrecurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 4 appropriates \$8 million from the general fund to the Department of Finance and Administration (DFA) in FY20 to achieve a statewide complete count in the federal 2020 census. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY21 shall revert to the general fund.

This bill contains an emergency clause and would become effective immediately on signature by the governor.

### FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$8 million contained in this bill is a nonrecurring expense to the general fund but may be expended in more than one fiscal year. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY21 shall revert to the general fund.

The proposed House Appropriations and Finance Committee Substitute for House Bills 2 and 3 currently includes no funding to support a statewide complete count in the 2020 census.

Both the LFC and executive budget recommendations for FY21 included special appropriations to DFA to achieve a statewide complete count in the federal 2020 census. The LFC recommendation included \$6 million and the executive recommendation \$8 million. During the 2019 legislative session, DFA requested \$10 million for this effort and the Legislature

appropriated \$3.5 million.

**SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

From the \$3.5 million appropriated to DFA in the 2019 legislative session, DFA reported it has expended most of these funds on grant agreements to all 33 counties to establish and staff complete count committees, tribal government grants administered by the Indian Affairs Department (IAD); and outreach efforts administered by the Public Education Department (PED).

For the 2020 legislative session, DFA requested a special appropriation for an additional \$8 million to achieve a statewide complete count in the 2020 census. The request includes funding for a social media campaign, outreach grants to counties and IAD for tribal government grants, a grant agreement to PED for the census education campaign in public schools; community-based organization outreach contracts in hard-to-count communities, and administrative costs and staff devoted to census outreach management.

The online census count begins March 12, 2020.

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

Efforts to achieve a complete statewide count in the federal 2020 census may be more difficult.

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