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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR <u>Senate Tax, Business and Transportation Department</u>	LAST UPDATED ORIGINAL DATE <u>03/09/2025</u>	BILL NUMBER <u>CS/Senate Bill 118/STBTC</u>
SHORT TITLE <u>Organ Donor License Box & Registry</u>	ANALYST <u>Chilton</u>	

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT*

(dollars in thousands)

Agency/Program	FY25	FY26	FY27	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
TRD	No fiscal impact	Indeterminate but minimal	No fiscal impact	Indeterminate but minima	Nonrecurring	General Fund

Parenttheses () indicate expenditure decreases.
 *Amounts reflect most recent analysis of this legislation.

Sources of Information

LFC Files

Agency Analysis Received From

New Mexico Medical Board (NMMB)
 Regulation and Licensing Division (RLD)
 New Mexico Department of Game and Fish (DGF)
 Department of Public Safety (DPS)

These agencies commented on the original bill but have not yet had the opportunity to comment on the committee substitute.

Agency Analysis was Solicited but Not Received From

Department of Health (DOH)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of STBTC Substitute for Senate Bill 118

The Senate Tax, Business and Transportation Committee substitute for Senate Bill 118 (SB118) requires the Motor Vehicles Division, part of the Taxation and Revenue Department, to create and distribute to state agencies material explaining the process of applying to be an organ donor. The material is to be distributed no later than January 1, 2026.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

There is no appropriation in Senate Bill 118.

Development of public awareness materials and their dissemination to state agencies, presumably for further dissemination to applicants and license applicants to those agencies, would come with a small cost, although that cost is likely minimal.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

According to the Health Resources and Services Administration, more than 103 thousand Americans die each year who might have been saved by an organ donation, most commonly a kidney, despite the fact that more than 48 thousand transplants are performed in the United States every day. Not every person dies in such a way as to make organ donation possible; thus, there is a need for additional individuals to be willing to be organ donors in the case of their death.

On the original SB118, DPS indicated:

This legislation aligns with national and state efforts to increase organ donor enrollment, potentially expanding the pool of registered donors in New Mexico. To maximize the bill's impact, public awareness campaigns may be necessary to inform applicants of the new registration option and encourage participation.

This bill would create at least part of the public awareness campaign.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

The original bill was similar to House Bill 513, which would require the addition of a section to each application form that would ask the applicants for occupational and professional licenses and public assistance to state whether they wished to be a donor, the answers to which would be transmitted to the Motor Vehicles Division for use in the event of the potential donor's death.

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