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**AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS - 2026 REGULAR SESSION**

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**SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION**

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**Date Prepared:** 2/4/26 *Check all that apply:*  
**Bill Number:** HB 301 Original  Correction   
 Amendment  Substitute

**Sponsor:** Rep. Rebecca Dow **Agency Name and Code** AOC 218  
**Short Title:** Judicial Branch Info Tech Projects **Number:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT**

**APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)**

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY26	FY27		
None	1200.00	Non Recurring	GF

(Parenthesis ( ) indicate expenditure decreases)

**REVENUE (dollars in thousands)**

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY26	FY27	FY28		
None	None	None	N/A	N/A

(Parenthesis ( ) indicate revenue decreases)

**ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)**

	FY26	FY27	FY28	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
<b>Total</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates/Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act – HB301 contains an appropriation in the amount of \$1,200,000 to the Administrative Office of the District Attorneys for technology goods and services for the use of district attorneys statewide.

### **SECTION III: NARRATIVE**

#### **BILL SUMMARY**

Synopsis: House Bill 301 would amend the Department of Information Technology Act to include a new section to allow the Department of Information Technology (DoIT) to undertake information technology (IT) projects for any branch of the judiciary.

The bill allows DoIT to establish price agreements for IT goods and services in compliance with the Procurement Code.

The bill requires DoIT to publish a catalog listing of IT goods and services offered and the associated rates, beginning on July 1, 2027 and every year thereafter.

HB 301 contains an appropriation to the administrative office of the district attorneys for IT goods and services in FY27, in consultation with DoIT.

House Bill 301 does not contain an effective date and would be effective on May 20, 2026, 90 days following adjournment of the Legislature, if signed into law.

#### **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are no fiscal implications for the NM Judicial Branch.

#### **SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

The language in the bill is modeled after existing language in the DoIT Act related to telecommunications services, so it may be expanding the services available to other non-agency entities.

Largely however, the landscape would remain unchanged. DoIT is able to collaborate with any state entity on IT projects. State entities may enter into an agreement with DoIT to undertake IT projects without requiring a statutory change. Since HB 301 does not mandate agreements between DoIT and judicial entities for IT projects, there is no change from the status quo. The major exception is that the legislative branch is not included, where it appears in other sections of the Department of Information Technology Act.

The DoIT Office of Cybersecurity is able to provide cybersecurity services to any state entity wishing to obtain such services from DoIT. While the bill provides money for the Administrative Office of the District Attorneys (“AODA”), it can still choose to use these cybersecurity services without any statutory changes.

All funding required to procure necessary IT goods and services for AODA, or any entity outside of the executive branch, is in addition to the funds appropriated to DoIT. There is no cost savings achieved with this approach. HB301 expands DoIT's scope but does not include recurring funding for IT projects.

## **PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS**

### **ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

The bill omits the legislature from the additional services provided by DoIT, and could impact any benefit for the state as a whole as may be contemplated by the bill.

### **CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP**

HB301 relates to the DoIT Act and seeks to increase the scope of the Department of Information Technology beyond the executive branch. *See* NMSA 1978, § 9-27-20.

### **TECHNICAL ISSUES**

HB 301 refers to “judicial branches of government” and “any branch of the judiciary.” This language is potentially confusing and may lead to difficulties in interpreting the bill. The single judicial branch of government is understood as operating under the administrative authority of the New Mexico Supreme Court. Other state entities operating as part of the justice system are independently elected, appointed, and/or statutorily enabled and are not considered part of the judicial branch.

The title of the bill refers to “projects for judicial branches of government” but then makes an appropriation for the Administrative Office of the District Attorneys. The AODA is not part of the judicial branch of government.

### **OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES**

### **ALTERNATIVES**

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

State entities will remain able to collaborate with DoIT for IT goods and services, including cybersecurity.

### **AMENDMENTS**