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**AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS - 2026 REGULAR SESSION**

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**SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION**

*{Indicate if analysis is on an original bill, amendment, substitute or a correction of a previous bill}*

**Date Prepared:** 1/23/26 *Check all that apply:*  
**Bill Number:** SB51 Original  Correction   
 Amendment  Substitute

**Sponsor:** A. Sedillo-Lopez **Agency Name and Code** NMCVRC/78000  
**Short Title:** Wrongful Convictions, Enacting Compensation Act **Number:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT**

**APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)**

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY26	FY27		
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

**REVENUE (dollars in thousands)**

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY26	FY27	FY28		
N/A	N/A	N/A	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>	0	0	0	0	0	0

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates/Conflicts with/Companion to/Relates to:  
 Duplicates/Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act

## **SECTION III: NARRATIVE**

### **BILL SUMMARY**

The bill establishes a separate statutory framework and creates the Wrongful Conviction Compensation Fund for the purpose of compensating individuals who have been exonerated.

Synopsis: This bill enacts the Wrongful Conviction Compensation Act, establishing a judicial process for individuals wrongfully convicted of a misdemeanor or felony in state court to seek exoneration and compensation. The bill creates the Wrongful Conviction Compensation Fund, outlines eligibility, procedures, and limitations, waives sovereign immunity, makes conforming statutory amendments, and includes an appropriation.

### **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

None to CVRC

Note: major assumptions underlying fiscal impact should be documented.

Note: if additional operating budget impact is estimated, assumptions and calculations should be reported in this section.

### **SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

None noted.

### **PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS**

None noted.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

None Noted.

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

None noted.

### **TECHNICAL ISSUES**

None noted.

### **OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES**

None noted.

### **ALTERNATIVES**

None noted.

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

None noted.

### **AMENDMENTS**

None suggested.