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: *1/29/2026*   *Check all that apply:*
Bill Number: *SB 181*   Original ___ *X* Correction __
                                          Amendment ___ Substitute ___

Sponsor:	Sens. Charley, Abeyta, Nava; Rep. Little	**Agency Name and Code Number**:	Developmental Disabilities Council 647
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SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY26	**FY27**		
$0	$1,550.0	Nonrecurring	General Fund

REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY26	**FY27**	**FY28**		
$0.0	$0.0	$0.0	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**
Total	$0.0	$0.0	$0.0	$0.0	N/A	N/A

(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

Synopsis: This bill appropriates funding of $1,300.00M to the Department of Public Safety to improve several statewide emergency alert systems, and hire two FTE. One FTE will be a liaison to tribal, state, and law enforcement; the other to develop a dedicated endangered person and missing person database.

Additional funding of $250.0 would be appropriated to the Indian Affairs Department for use on statewide outreach and a public information campaign to build community awareness and understanding, improve response efficacy, and strengthen trust in the turquoise alert system.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

This bill would have no direct impact on NM Developmental Disabilities Council's budget. Because of the higher incidences of abuse experience by people with disabilities, this funding would likely support and educate many of DDC's constituents. This funding would increase the likelihood that people experiencing such abuse are located as quickly as possible, particularly in Tribal communities and rural areas.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

According to the New Mexico Department of Justice, New Mexico has about 200 missing Indigenous people across the state. The new Turquoise Alert system was implemented in 2025 to alert the public about missing Native people. The 2025 bill establishing the alert system requires DPS to develop a plan for getting alerts to law enforcement and the public, collect data, and keep records, and publish reports on alert and case outcomes. In order for these systems to be effective, they must be adequately funded and resourced, and the State needs to do significant outreach to Tribal communities to ensure utilization and participation in these systems.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

TECHNICAL ISSUES

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

ALTERNATIVES

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

The Department of Public Safety will need adequate resources to effectively implement the various missing and endangered alerts, databases, and systems. The Indian Affairs Department will also need support ensuring Tribal communities utilize the Turquoise Alert system. If the departments do not receive this funding, these systems will not be able to trigger an immediate, rapid response

when New Mexicans go missing, missing persons data will not be collected, and Tribal communities may not understand or use the systems.

AMENDMENTS