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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

BILL NUMBER: Senate Bill 181

SHORT TITLE: Support & Training for Various Alerts

SPONSOR: Charley/Abeyta/Nava/Little

LAST ORIGINAL
UPDATE: _____ **DATE:** 02/09/2026 **ANALYST:** Sanchez

APPROPRIATION* (dollars in thousands)

FY26	FY27	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
	\$1,000.0	Nonrecurring	General Fund
	\$300.0	Nonrecurring	General Fund
	\$250.0	Nonrecurring	General Fund

*Amounts reflect most recent analysis of this legislation.

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT* (dollars in thousands)

Agency/Program	FY26	FY27	FY28	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
DPS	No fiscal impact	\$288.0	\$298.0	\$586.0	Recurring	General Fund
Total	No fiscal impact	\$288.0	\$298.0	\$586.0	Recurring	General Fund

Parentheses () indicate expenditure decreases.

*Amounts reflect most recent analysis of this legislation.

Sources of Information

LFC Files

Agency or Agencies Providing Analysis

Department of Public Safety
 Department of Health
 Children, Youth and Families Department
 Indian Affairs Department
 Aging and Long-Term Services Department
 Developmental Disabilities Council

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Senate Bill 181

Senate Bill 181 (SB181) appropriates \$1 million from the general fund to the Department of Public Safety for the purpose of modernizing and enhancing the statewide operations and

systems for turquoise alerts, AMBER alerts, Brittany alerts, and silver alerts, as well as endangered persons and missing persons advisories.

Senate Bill 181 appropriates \$300 thousand from the general fund to the Department of Public Safety (DPS) to hire two full-time employees. One for the missing persons information clearinghouse to serve as a tribal liaison analyst and point of contact for tribal, state, and local law enforcement, and the second employee for the information technology division to serve as a developer for a dedicated portal for endangered persons and missing persons.

Senate Bill 181 appropriates \$250 thousand from the general fund to the Indian Affairs Department (IAD) for a statewide outreach and public service campaign to build community awareness and understanding, improve response effectiveness, and strengthen trust in the turquoise alert system.

This bill does not contain an effective date and, as a result, would go into effect 90 days after the Legislature adjourns, which is May 20, 2026.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$1.55 million contained in this bill is a nonrecurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY27 shall revert to the general fund. Of this amount, \$1.3 million is appropriated to DPS, including \$1 million for system modernization and \$300 thousand for two full-time equivalent positions, and \$250 thousand is appropriated to IAD for a statewide outreach and public awareness campaign related to the Turquoise Alert system.

While the appropriations are limited to FY27, agency analyses indicate the two positions funded at DPS would generate ongoing costs estimated at approximately \$298 thousand annually beginning in FY28 if the positions are continued, and the new technology systems developed under the bill may also create future operating costs, including hosting and maintenance, that are not funded in the bill.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The bill focuses on funding implementation and outreach for existing missing and endangered persons alert systems. Several agency analyses note that the effectiveness of the funded system enhancements depends on consistent participation and information sharing among tribal, state, and local law enforcement agencies, which are not mandated by the bill.

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