

**LEGISLATIVE EDUCATION STUDY COMMITTEE
BILL ANALYSIS**

Bill Number: SB 371

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Short Title: Plaques on Certain Public Buildings

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Bill Summary:

SB 371 amends statute regarding the acknowledgement of taxpayers on plaques placed on new public buildings to include buildings that have been renovated and to require that a statement of gratitude to taxpayers be included above and before the listing of public officials in office at the time of funding, construction, or renovation.

Fiscal Impact:

SB 371 does not contain an appropriation.

Substantive Issues:

SB 371 would probably require changes to some local policies. For example, according to the University of New Mexico website, the Board of Regents adopted the following policy on May 8, 2007 regarding the placement of dedication plaques on new buildings and major new additions on university campuses:

Upon the completion of construction of a new building or a major new addition to a building on any of the university's campuses, a plaque shall be mounted in the lobby of the building or other appropriate interior location as determined by the university President. The plaque will be of such material, proportion and detail as to harmonize with its surroundings in an appropriate manner, as approved by the university architect. The plaque will include the following information:

- building name;
- university President on the date (the "contract approval date") of approval of the construction contract for the building project;
- members of the Board of Regents and their board offices on the contract approval date, and members and their offices on the dedication date;
- executive vice president for administration on the contract approval date, if project is under his/her jurisdiction;
- provost/executive vice president for academic affairs on the contract approval date, if project involves an academic or Student Services building;
- executive vice president for health sciences on the contract approval date, if project involves a Health Sciences Center building;

- members of the Clinical Operations Board on the contract approval date, if determined appropriate by the President for a project that involves a Health Sciences Center building;
- name of architect;
- name of general contractor;
- year building completed;
- other individuals and/or public officials who the president of the university determines made substantial efforts or contributions that made the project possible; and
- if elected officials who were in office at the time the building was funded are listed, acknowledged or thanked, the plaque shall also include a statement of equal size and visibility that thanks the taxpayers of New Mexico for their contribution in funding the construction.

Another example comes from the Santa Fe Public Schools website, which displays Board Policy #566:

all major building projects will be identified by suitable plaque(s) identifying the project, the year completed, the name of the board members, the superintendent, the architectural firm, and the general contractor.

Related Bills:

None as of 3/11/2011.