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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Chasey ORIGINAL DATE 02/23/11
LAST UPDATED _____ HB 446
SHORT TITLE Rehabilitated Criminals as Bail Bondsmen SB _____
ANALYST Segura

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY11	FY12	FY13	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
Total		NFI				

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Public Defender Department (PDD)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 446 proposes to remove employment disqualifications preventing rehabilitated criminal offenders from becoming bail bondsmen. The bill contains an emergency clause.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

House Bill 446 does not contain an appropriation. No fiscal impact is anticipated if the legislation is enacted.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

According to PDD, House Bill 446 removes one limitation on who can qualify as bail bondsmen under NMSA 1978, section 59A-51-4. The bill proposes to permit a person convicted of a felony, but having successfully completed probation or parole to become a licensed bail bondsmen assuming the other requirements for employment qualifications are met.

The Public Defender Department raises the issue that the bill may act as a potential incentive for PDD clients to successfully complete probation or parole. Gainful employment of this type may reduce the likelihood of recidivism for qualifying individuals.

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