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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 02/16/11

SPONSOR Boitano LAST UPDATED _____ HB _____

SHORT TITLE Requirements for Naming Public Property SB 372

ANALYST Archuleta

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY11	FY12	FY13	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
Total		*See Fiscal Impact	*See Fiscal Impact			

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

General Services Department (GSD)

Public School Facilities Authority (PSFA)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 372 prohibits state agencies, as well as local governments from naming public property after a public official during that official's term in office, and establishes the following naming procedures:

- No public building will be named after a living person, and buildings do not have to be named after persons at all.
- For Property Control Division (PCD) buildings, the General Services Department (GSD) Secretary will establish a naming committee to develop at least three names for review by the GSD Secretary and the Governor
- For all buildings owned by agencies or branches of government not under PCD jurisdiction, the head or final decision maker of the agency or branch shall appoint a committee with duties as above.
- For all other public buildings which are not state buildings, the executive head of the entity owning the building shall appoint a committee with duties as above.
- The naming list is not limited to persons, and can include other descriptive or associative names.
- If a person is proposed, the committee must conduct expensive research on the person including input from the state historian, and the community where the building is located.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

According to GSD, the bill requires minimal fiscal implications. Most of the activities of the naming committees can be performed by employees of the naming entity as a part of their assigned duties.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

GSD indicates there is currently no statutory guidance with regard to naming public buildings. The bill would establish clear guidelines to perform this task openly and with some public input.

However, PSFA cited concern that the bill does not specify the implications of public buildings and programs currently named after living or serving public officials. The assumption is that existing previously named buildings or programs be grandfathered in.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

The bill could slow the process of naming buildings, but there is no clear detriment to performance associated with a slower process.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

Each public entity considering naming a public building or program would be tasked with developing their own naming committee. Minimal administrative and support staff time would be incurred.

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

Naming buildings will continue to be the prerogative of executive decision makers throughout state and local government.

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