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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Candelaria ORIGINAL DATE 3/4/19
 LAST UPDATED _____ HB _____

SHORT TITLE Electronic Database Redaction Software SB 568

ANALYST Edwards

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY19	FY20		
	\$1,000.0	Nonrecurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY19	FY20	FY21	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total	NFI	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to SJM 13.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Not Received From

Department of Public Safety (DPS)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 568 appropriates \$1 million from the general fund to the Department of Public Safety (DPS) for redaction software and an electronic document database. Any remaining balance will revert to the general fund at the end of FY20.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$1 million contained in this bill is a nonrecurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY20 shall revert to the general fund.

This bill is related to SJM 13, which requests the Courts, Corrections and Criminal Justice Committee to study the feasibility of statewide adoption of document redaction software. As there has not been a comprehensive study of the need for this software and possible costs, this appropriation amount may be insufficient to cover costs or vice versa. Additionally, it is not known what additional budget impacts DPS could face to operate these databases and tools.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

In past sessions, bills have been passed that may have increased the number of IPRA requests, which can be onerous to agencies to process. This bill may help ease the burden of redacting for DPS and increase transparency.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

Relates to SJM 13, which requests the Courts, Corrections and Criminal Justice Committee to study the possibility of statewide adoption of document redaction software.

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