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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 02/11/21

SPONSOR Sedillo Lopez LAST UPDATED _____ HB _____

SHORT TITLE Change Ed Retirement Board Membership SB 303

ANALYST Jorgensen

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY21	FY22	FY23	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total		Minimal	Minimal	Minimal		

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Education Retirement Board (ERB)
Higher Education Department (HED)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 303 (SB303) increases the Education Retirement Board from seven members to nine members including: a member elected to a four-year term by members of the American Federation Of Teachers, New Mexico; and the Secretary of Higher Education, or a designee. An HED designee would be required to be a New Mexico resident, a current HED employee, and have relevant experience.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

Increasing the number of board members may lead to a minor increase in costs for per diem and mileage reimbursements as well as any other training costs. These costs would be paid from ERB funds.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

Currently, the Board is composed of seven members:

- the secretary of the Public Education Department (or a designee of the secretary);

- the State Treasurer (or a designee of the treasurer);
- one member elected to a four-year term by members of the New Mexico Association of Educational Retirees;
- one member elected to a four-year term by members of the National Education Association of New Mexico;
- one member elected to a four-year term by the New Mexico members of the American Association of University Professors; and
- two members appointed by the governor for terms of four years each.

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