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AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS - 2026 REGULAR SESSION**WITHIN 24 HOURS OF BILL POSTING, UPLOAD ANALYSIS TO****[AgencyAnalysis.nmlegis.gov](https://www.legis.nm.gov/AgencyAnalysis) and email to billanalysis@dfa.nm.gov*****(Analysis must be uploaded as a PDF)*****SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION***{Indicate if analysis is on an original bill, amendment, substitute or a correction of a previous bill}***Date Prepared:** January 30, 2026*Check all that apply:***Bill Number:** HB 201Original ☒ Correction ☐Amendment ☐ Substitute ☐

Sponsor: Representative Cathrynn N.
Brown and Senator Natalie
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Short IPRA Task Force Funding

**Agency Name
and Code**

State Ethics Commission 410

Number:**Person Writing**Aurora Arreola**Phone:** 505-554-7706**Email** Aurora.Arreola@sec.nm.gov**SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT****APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)**

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY26	FY27		
\$500.0	\$500.0	Nonrecurring	General Fund

REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY26	FY27	FY28		

(Parenthesis () indicate revenue decreases)

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY26	FY27	FY28	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total						

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates/Conflicts with/Companion to/Relates to:

Duplicates/Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act

SECTION III: NARRATIVE

BILL SUMMARY

Synopsis:

House Bill 201 makes an appropriation of \$500,000 from the general fund to the Attorney General for fiscal years 2026 and 2027. The appropriation will be utilized to hire staff in order to support a task force convened by the Attorney General to study the Inspection of Public Records Act (IPRA). Any funds remaining at the end of fiscal year 2027 will revert to the general fund.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

House Bill 201 creates a nonrecurring appropriation of \$500,000 over two fiscal years. The funds are limited to supporting staff capacity for a limited-time task force and do not create an ongoing funding obligation. Any remaining funds will revert to the general fund at the end of fiscal year 2027.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

House Joint Memorial 2 would request the Attorney General to convene a task force to study the implementation of IPRA. House Bill 201 would provide an appropriation of \$500,000 to the Attorney General to fund staffing for the IPRA task force.

TECHNICAL ISSUES

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

ALTERNATIVES

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

If House Bill 201 is not enacted, the Office of the Attorney General may not have sufficient funding to staff the task force to study IPRA if House Joint Memorial 2 passes.

AMENDMENTS