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**AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS  
2019 REGULAR SESSION**

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**SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION**

*{Indicate if analysis is on an original bill, amendment, substitute or a correction of a previous bill}*

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Original     Amendment    \_\_\_\_\_  
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Date Feb 15, 2019

Bill No: HB336

Sponsor: Daymon Ely Agency Name and Code: Administrative Office of the District Attorneys (AODA) 264  
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**SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT**

**APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)**

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY19	FY20		
0	0	n/a	n/a

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

**REVENUE (dollars in thousands)**

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY19	FY20	FY21		
0	0	0	n/a	n/a

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

**ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)**

	<b>FY19</b>	<b>FY20</b>	<b>FY21</b>	<b>3 Year Total Cost</b>	<b>Recurring or Nonrecurring</b>	<b>Fund Affected</b>
<b>Total</b>	0	0	0	0	n/a	n/a

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates/Conflicts with/Companion to/Relates to: HB542  
Duplicates/Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act: none found

**SECTION III: NARRATIVE**

**BILL SUMMARY**

Synopsis:

HB336 amends Section 21-22F-6 NMSA 1978 of the Public Service Law Loan Repayment Act to eliminate the maximum cap of \$7,200.00 per year of service for participants in the program. The Act provides educational loan repayment awards for certain attorneys (employed by a non-profit organization that provides legal service for the indigent, the public defender department or the district attorney).

**FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

Note: major assumptions underlying fiscal impact should be documented.

Note: if additional operating budget impact is estimated, assumptions and calculations should be reported in this section.

There are no direct fiscal implications for the offices of the district attorneys.

**SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

HB336 removes the \$7,200.00 per year of service cap on awards under the Public Service Law Loan Repayment Act.

**PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS**

HB336 is a recruitment tool for hiring attorneys to provide legal services for the indigent, or work for the public defender or the district attorney. Recent law school graduates may be reluctant to take these relatively low-paying jobs when they are saddled with student loan debt.

**ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

There are no administrative implications for the district attorneys.

**CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP**

HB542 creates the “Law Enforcement and Correctional Officer Loan Repayment Act,” allowing the Department to grant awards to repay educational loans from the federal government or

commercial lenders for licensed law enforcement officers or correctional officers.

**TECHNICAL ISSUES**

None found.

**OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES**

None found.

**ALTERNATIVES**

None proposed.

**WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL**

Status quo.

**AMENDMENTS**

None proposed.