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TO: Honorable Pete Gallego, Chair, House Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence

FROM: John S O'Brien, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB1937 by Simpson (Relating to the offensive touching of persons seeking access to public buildings and transportation; providing penalties.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Penal Code as it relates to offensive touching of persons seeking access to public buildings and transportation. Under the provisions of the bill, certain touching of persons as part of a search performed to grant access to a publicly accessible building or form of transportation, intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly without probable cause to believe the person committed an offense would be a state jail felony.

The bill would take effect immediately if a two-thirds majority vote in both houses of the Legislature is received. Otherwise, the bill, if enacted, would take effect on September 1, 2011.

For this analysis it is assumed the number of offenders convicted under this statute would not result in a significant impact on the programs and workload of state corrections agencies or on the demand for resources and services of those agencies. The Office of the Attorney General indicates any legal work resulting from the passage of the bill could be reasonably absorbed with current resources.

Local Government Impact

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

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