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TO: Honorable Bill Callegari, Chair, House Committee on Government Efficiency & Reform

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

IN RE: HB2439 by Gallego (Relating to posting on state agency websites suggestions and ideas on agency cost-efficiency.), **As Introduced**

There would be an indeterminate fiscal impact to the state from the provisions of the bill.

The bill would amend Chapter 2054, Government Code, to require a state agency that employees more than 1,500 individuals to post on the agency's website an electronic form or link allowing a member of the public or employee of the agency to submit suggestions and ideas on how to make the agency more cost-efficient, view other submissions, and vote for the public's favorite submission. The Department of Information Resources would be required to adopt rules establishing procedures and required formats.

It is anticipated that costs to implement provisions of the bill would range from \$0 to approximately \$100,000 for an affected agency, although agency responses were as high as approximately \$1 million for the 2012-13 biennium. Factors affecting costs would vary based on rules adopted by the Department of Information Resources and applications or software used by agencies. Costs may include subscription or licensing of applications; application development; programming and maintenance.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 304 Comptroller of Public Accounts, 305 General Land Office and Veterans' Land Board, 313 Department of Information Resources, 332 Department of Housing and Community Affairs, 529 Health and Human Services Commission

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