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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

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Primary Sponsors: Reps. Wiggam and Hall

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

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Highlights

 Public offices required to process redaction requests under the bill could see some small increase in staff time devoted to handling the requests, but nothing requiring additional resources.

Detailed Analysis

The bill exempts certain records from disclosure under the Public Records Law, including: (1) the work schedules of designated public service workers, (2) redaction request forms, and (3) certain records managed by a county auditor for a designated public service worker, a qualifying former designated public service worker, or the spouse of either. Also under the bill, a qualifying former designated public service worker may request that a public office redact the former worker's address from any record made available to the general public on the internet, and to request that a county auditor remove the name of the individual from certain publicly available documents.

Any fiscal effects these changes in the Public Records Law will have on public entities are likely to be small. On the one hand, allowing former public service workers to request that certain identifying information be redacted and protected from disclosure on the internet could cause some negligible increase in staff time to process these redactions. On the other hand, these exemptions could lead to some small savings in administrative time for public entities when fulfilling public records requests and managing employment records of designated public service workers because the applicable information would not need to be collected and reported. Overall, there are likely to be few requests to redact this information, nothing that could not be handled by existing staff using available resources.

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