Bill Summary

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Bill Analysis

SB 213 specifies that a not-for-profit corporation in which all of the membership interest is owned by a public trust shall be defined as a political subdivision as it relates to The Governmental Tort Claims Act. The measure increases the total liability the state is subject to as it relates to the Act from \$25,000.00 to \$75,000.00 for multiple claims arising out of a single act. The measure establishes a limit of \$85,000.00 for nuisance claims arising out of a single act, accident, or occurrence in a county with a population of less than 150,000 and \$140,000 in a county with a population greater than 150,000. The limit is raised from \$125,000.00 to \$250,000.00 for a claimant as it relates to a claim from a loss arising from a single act. The minimum population requirement is also decreased from 300,000 to 150,000 and the award limit for a claim is increased from \$175,000.00 to \$375,000.00 as it relates to claims against the state or a populous subdivisions. The limit on claims against state hospitals is increased from \$200,000.00 to \$300,000.00. The measure limits the aggregate amount for any amount of claims arising from a single act to \$2 million. The measure establishes a limit of \$1 million for claims against a public trust hospital and physician in a county with a population of less than 75,000.

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