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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Campos ORIGINAL DATE 2/9/17
LAST UPDATED _____ HB _____

SHORT TITLE 8th Judicial District Employee SB 287

ANALYST Downs

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY17	FY18		
\$0.0	\$100.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Public Defender Department (PDD)

No Responses Received From

Administrative Office of the District Attorneys (AODA)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 287 appropriates \$100 thousand to the 8th Judicial District Attorney's Office for one attorney position in fiscal year 2018. The 8th judicial district is composed of Taos, Colfax, and Union counties.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$100 thousand contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2018 shall revert to the general fund.

The 8th Judicial District Attorney had a total of two vacant positions as of February 1, 2017 - a senior legal secretary and a deputy district attorney. The deputy district attorney position has only been vacant since December 31, 2016.

According to the Public Defender Department, an additional attorney position in the 8th judicial

district would require corollary funding for an additional attorney at the Public Defender Department. The department reports that recurring salary and benefits for a mid-point associate trial attorney are \$92.5 thousand with recurring operational costs of \$2.3 thousand and non-recurring start-up costs of \$2.5 thousand for a total of \$97.3 thousand. Of the three counties in the 8th judicial district, the Public Defender Department only has a physical office in Taos County.

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