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### FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

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#### **APPROPRIATION**

| Appropriation Contained |      | Estimated Add | litional Impact | Recurring<br>or Non-Rec | Fund<br>Affected |
|-------------------------|------|---------------|-----------------|-------------------------|------------------|
| FY03                    | FY04 | FY03          | FY04            |                         |                  |
|                         |      |               | Minimal         |                         |                  |
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(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates Senate Bill 105

## **SOURCES OF INFORMATION**

Responses Received From
Department of Public Safety
Department of Game and Fish
State Parks Division of the Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department
Office of the Attorney General

#### **SUMMARY**

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 85 proposes to allow state park employees, who are certified law enforcement officers, to assist duly qualified full-time peace officers in emergency situations occurring outside of state park boundaries and proposes to expand insurance coverage for these employees during these occurrences. The bill also makes minor corrections to the statute.

#### FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

Enactment of SB85 could have a fiscal impact, but the amount would not be expected to be significant. Areas of increased cost would include overtime, incremental increases for select insurance coverage, and potentially, added temporary staff support to cover state park facilities during times of park employees absence.

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### **ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

The State Parks Division would be required to promulgate rules to establish this increased responsibility for park employees.

# CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

The State Parks Division notes that Section 29-4A-3B NMSA 1978 should be revised to identify park employees who perform official functions per SB85 as eligible for the death benefit outlined in this statute.

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