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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR: Herrera DATE TYPED: 2/03/03 HB 336

SHORT TITLE: Municipal Court Warrant Enforcement Fund SB \_\_\_\_\_

ANALYST: Martinez

### APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY03	FY04	FY03	FY04		
	\$0.0		NFI		

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

### REVENUE

Estimated Revenue		Subsequent Years Impact	Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY03	FY04			
	Indeterminate		Recurring	Local Municipal Funds

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Revenue Decreases)

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC files

No Responses Received From

Bernalillo Municipal Court

Administrative Office of the Courts

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 336 creates the municipal court warrant enforcement fund. Upon issuance of a bench warrant, a municipal court may assess a fee of \$100.00 against the individual whose arrest is commanded.

The purpose of the fund is to support employing personnel, equipment, and services to enhance collection of fines, fees or costs owed to the court. Upon discretion of the municipal court clerk, remaining balances of the fund may be used to reimburse law enforcement agencies for expenses

associated with the issuance of bench warrants.

Any balances to the fund do not revert to respective municipality general funds.

Significant Issues

Estimated revenue and subsequent year impact is difficult to ascertain without actual warrant history from each municipal court.

**ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

Although the intent of this fee is designed to aid in municipal court fee collection, the fee itself may hinder further administrative operation.

**POSSIBLE QUESTIONS**

- 1. Will the additional court fee cause additional work for each court clerk office?**
- 2. When will the court clerk assess remaining funds for secondary uses of this fund?**
- 3. Should the bill include language that allows for a reversion to the municipal general funds?**

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