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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

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SHORT TITLE: Study Law Enforcement Communication Systems SB \_\_\_\_\_

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### APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY03	FY04	FY03	FY04		
			See Narrative		

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Responses Received From  
Office of Military Affairs  
Department of Public Safety

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of HAFC Amendments

The House Appropriations and Finance Committee amendment to HJM 19 make two changes:

1. The correction of terminology referencing public safety participants in the study. The amendment strikes the wording “law enforcement” and replaces it with “public safety” throughout the Memorial.
2. The amendment reassigns responsibility for conducting the study to the “communications engineer of the general services department” rather than the “department of public safety”.

#### Synopsis of Original Bill

House Joint Memorial 19 requests that the Department of Public Safety conduct a study of all law enforcement agencies throughout New Mexico to determine what communication systems are used, and determine which, if any, are most effective.

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The Department is to report its findings to a legislative interim committee no later than October 31, 2003.

### Significant Issues

1. Different law enforcement agencies throughout New Mexico use different communications equipment and systems.
2. Different systems have different capabilities.
3. The rural nature of much of New Mexico creates gaps in the coverage of the different systems.
4. These systems are essential to immediate, effective responses at the frontlines of law enforcement and emergency services.

### **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

HJM 19 contains no appropriation, and the costs associated with this study will be minimal. It will require that the Department to dedicate staff time and some minimal budget resources to the study. Also, the Department will need to invite participation from individuals outside the agency with expertise to assist in the study.

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