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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Balderas DATE TYPED 2/14/05 HB 884

SHORT TITLE Equipment for Recording Interrogations SB \_\_\_\_\_

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### APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY05	FY06	FY05	FY06		
	\$1,000.0			Non-recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

#### Response Received From

Public Defender Department (PDD)

#### No Responses

Department of Public Safety (DPS)

Municipal League

Association of Counties

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 884 appropriates \$1,000.0 from the general fund to the Department of Public Safety for the purpose of providing funding at the state, county and municipal levels to purchase audio-visual equipment to record interrogation proceedings and confessions of persons being investigated in relation to criminal matters.

### PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

PDD reports recording statements help the attorneys review conditions under which custodial statements are given. PDD states it will cut down on unnecessary hearings for the prosecution and the defense.

**FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

The appropriation of \$1,000.0 contained in this bill is a non-recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2006 shall revert to the general fund.

PDD states costs to the system as a whole will reduce due to fewer suppression hearings and trials to argue over what was said in an interrogation proceeding or confession.

**ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

Department of Public Safety will need to distribute the funding for the equipment to the state, county and municipal levels.

**CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP**

PDD reports House Bill 884 is a companion to House Bill 382.

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