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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Payne DATE TYPED 02/24/05 HB 981

SHORT TITLE Albuquerque Traffic Law Enforcement SB _____

ANALYST Ford

APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY05	FY06	FY05	FY06		
	\$100.0			Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Department of Finance and Administration (DFA)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 981 appropriates \$100 thousand from the general fund to the local government division of DFA to support the enforcement of traffic laws, noise ordinances and anti-drunk driving initiatives in the Montgomery tactical plan of the Albuquerque police department.

Significant Issues

DFA provides the following:

“According to the Albuquerque Community Report 2002, New Mexico Traffic Safety Bureau - Montgomery Blvd. has 3 of the worst 7 intersections in the city of Albuquerque for crashes. 149 people were injured in 331 crashes on Montgomery Blvd. during that year.

“Studies show that increased traffic enforcement activities are an effective deterrent to highway fatalities and serious injury. DWI checkpoints and saturation patrols reduce the incidence of driving while intoxicated and support the Governor's DWI strategy. The North Area Command of the Albuquerque City Police reports 3,349 traffic citations during a 14 week

“Montgomery Tactical Operation in 2004. Of those cited, 181 were noise violations and 55 were DWI. There appears to be a need for high visibility traffic enforcement in this area.

“Available funding for the Albuquerque Police Department (APD) may not meet their needs. The Local DWI Grant Program in Bernalillo County reduced its budget to local enforcement over the past three years from a high of \$304,697 in FY03; to \$34,000 in FY04; to \$0 in FY05. These cuts were made because of reductions in funding to the Local DWI Grant Program. APD may be getting traffic enforcement funding from Traffic Safety Bureau, Department of Transportation.”

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 FY 06 shall revert to the general fund.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

The bill does not provide for any oversight or performance goals for this appropriation.

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