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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Jennings DATE TYPED 10/7/05 HB \_\_\_\_\_

SHORT TITLE Volunteer Fire Departments & Sheriffs Funding SB 4

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### APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY05	FY06	FY05	FY06		
	2,000.0			Non-recurring	General Fund
	1,650.0			Non-recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

#### No Responses

Department Finance Administration (DFA)

Public Regulation Commission (PRC)

Municipal League

Association of Counties

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 4 appropriates \$2,000,000 from the general fund to the State Fire Marshal and \$1,650,000 from the general fund to the Department of Finance Administration for the purpose of offsetting increased public safety expenses because of increased gasoline prices.

The proposed legislation states the \$2,000,000 to the state fire marshal is to be divided among the volunteer and predominantly volunteer fire departments. This is providing the distribution be based on 10 percent of each department's current year distribution from the fire protection fund. The proposed legislation state the \$1,650,000 to DFA is to be divided equally among all county sheriff offices.

**PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS**

Existing deficient funding for gasoline purchases for the volunteer fire departments and county sheriff offices could negatively impact the services they provide to the citizens of New Mexico. The Appropriation proposed will ensure that needed services are provided.

**FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

The appropriation of \$3,650,000 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.

**WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL?**

The consequence of not enacting the proposed legislation is that volunteer fire departments and county sheriff offices will have budget deficits regarding gasoline. This will require them to cut their budget in other areas which will affect the services the volunteer fire departments and county sheriff offices provide to the citizens of New Mexico.

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