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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

	ORIGINAL DATE 2-2-06		
SPONSOR	Garcia	LAST UPDATED	HB _____
	LAS CRUCES NARCOTICS POLICE BALLISTIC		
SHORT TITLE	VESTS	SB	715
		ANALYST	Hadwiger

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY06	FY07		
	\$10.0	Non-Rec	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Department of Finance and Administration (DFA)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 715 appropriates \$10 thousand from the general fund to the Local Government Division (LGD) of the Department of Finance and Administration (DFA) in FY07 for ballistic vests for the Metropolitan Narcotics Division of the Las Cruces Police Department.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$20 thousand contained in this bill is a non-recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY07 would revert to the general fund.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

DFA indicated the purpose of this bill is to equip members of the Las Cruces police department who serve on the multi-jurisdictional narcotic task force unit with ballistic vests. These vests will increase the safety of the officer as the vest withstands a more powerful bullet hit than the vests that are used by patrol units. These ballistic vests will carry officer equipment as it fits over the officer's uniform. This task force unit uses dynamic entry when entering into homes of

suspected drug dealers or users. This type of quick entry places the officer at a higher risk of danger and therefore in need of the best equipment available. This is particularly true as the officers find themselves more frequently encountering criminals who possess higher caliber weapons.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

DFA/LGD can administer these funds with existing staff.

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