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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 1/19/07

SPONSOR Lundstrom LAST UPDATED _____ HB 154

SHORT TITLE DPS District 6 Full-Time Mechanic SB _____

ANALYST Peery-Galon

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY07	FY08		
\$0.0	\$35.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY07	FY08	FY09	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
Total	\$0.0	\$.6	\$35.6	\$36.2	Recurring	General Fund

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SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Responses Received From
Department of Public Safety (DPS)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 154 appropriates \$35.0 from the general fund to the Department of Public Safety for the purpose of funding a full-time position for a mechanic to service vehicles in district six of the State Police. State Police District 6 based in Gallup covers McKinley County and most of Cibola County.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$35.0 contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2008 shall revert to the general fund.

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DPS reports mechanics receive a tool allowance of \$275 every six months. The appropriation does not include this additional \$550 tool allowance cost.

Due to the proposed legislation funding a full-time-equivalent position, it is likely that this will become a recurring expense.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

DPS notes that a mechanic in State Police District 6 would be a benefit to the officers and the state. Currently, vehicle maintenance is done entirely by outside vendors resulting in increased maintenance costs to the department.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

DPS states that the additional mechanic would increase performance of the State Police officers in District 6 by decreasing downtime for patrol cars and increasing patrol time for the officers.

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