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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 2/8/07

SPONSOR Wallace LAST UPDATED _____ HB 898

SHORT TITLE Santa Fe Airport Fire Station Personnel SB _____

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APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY07	FY08		
	\$250.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Companion to SB 730

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Department of Finance and Administration (DFA)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 898 appropriates \$250.0 from the General Fund to DFA for personnel and firefighting gear expenses at the Santa Fe Airport fire station.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$250.0 contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the General Fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY08 shall revert to the General Fund.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

DFA reports that the Governor and the Mayor of Santa Fe are trying to generate revenue and increase tourism to Santa Fe by enabling larger regional jets to land at the Santa Fe Airport. Before the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) will allow larger jets to land at the airport, the airport must show that it can provide the appropriate level of fire protection.

The FAA has purchased a fire truck for the airport which should be delivered in early February. Five new firefighters have been hired and begin training in March. The Santa Fe Fire Department hopes to have the fire station at the airport fully functional by June 9, 2007.

HB 898 provides the Santa Fe Fire Department with \$250.0 to pay for personnel costs until the airport can begin generating additional revenue to pay the firefighters salary, and to purchase the necessary firefighting equipment for the Santa Fe Airport. The equipment to be purchased: specialized suits; specialized hose for the fire truck; Jaws of Life that can separate the metal of aircraft; and breathing apparatus' for the firefighters

Until the firefighters are trained and the necessary equipment is in place, the FAA will not allow larger jets to land at the Santa Fe Airport.

AMENDMENTS

DFA recommends that the appropriation be made available for spending in FY07 and FY08. This would require an emergency clause.

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