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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 1/30/07

SPONSOR King LAST UPDATED _____ HB HJM16

SHORT TITLE Study Child Porn Generated in New Mexico SB _____

ANALYST Ortiz

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY07	FY08		
	NFI		

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From
Second Judicial District Attorney

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Joint Memorial 16 requests that the Attorney General convene a task force to study the technological sophistication of virtual or computer-generated pornography in New Mexico, its impacts on New Mexico's children and the extent to which it supports the child pornography market. The task force shall include the attorney general or designee, secretary of public safety or designee, a representative from the administrative office of the district attorneys and any other entities deemed necessary.

The task force's study is to include the following:

1. Pervasiveness and technological sophistication of virtual or morphing technology in child pornography in New Mexico and its effects on the child pornography market;
2. Extent to which morphed images are used by abusers to seduce, molest, entice or lure children;
3. extent of physical, emotional and psychological harm caused to identifiable child victims who are depicted in morphed images; and

4. extent to which abusers of actual children are able to successfully evade prosecution by claiming that there is reasonable doubt as to whether or not the children are able to successfully evade prosecution by claiming that there is reasonable doubt as to whether or not the children depicted are real or computer-generated.

The task force is to present its finding and recommendations for proposed legislation to an appropriate interim committee no later than November 1, 2007.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

According to the 2nd District Attorney's office, other agencies have studied morphing technology and the effects thereof, including, but not limited to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children. Therefore, the work is already being done, just not specific to New Mexico.

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