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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 1/26/07

SPONSOR Martinez, R LAST UPDATED HB

SHORT TITLE Municipal Court Support Division SB 89

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APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY07	FY08		
	\$314.2	Recurring	General Fund
	\$82.9	Non-Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 89 appropriates \$397,100 from the general fund to the administrative office of the courts (AOC) for expenditure in FY 2008 to form a municipal court support division within the AOC. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance at the end of FY 08 shall revert to the general fund.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The proposed budget of the municipal court support division is:

Salary for 3 Auditors	241,845
Salary for Administrative Assistant	60,286
Contractual Services	30,000
Municipal Administrative Manuals	65,000
Total Budget:	397,131

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The appropriation will be used to hire three auditors and an administrative assistant to provide support for all municipal judges throughout the state. Funding is also requested for contractual money for attorney services and to create an administrative procedure manual for municipal courts. The Supreme Court has superintending control over all courts within the State of New Mexico and is seeking to create this division within the AOC to assist the court in assuring that all municipal judges are aware of and are following proper rules and procedures, as well as sound fiscal and human resources practices.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

The courts are participating in performance-based budgeting. It is unknown if enactment of this bill would impact performance measures as they relate to judicial budgeting.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

The enactment of this bill will enable the AOC to provide additional assistance to municipal courts statewide in administrative operations within these courts.

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

Status Quo

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