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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

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SPONSOR Griego

SHORT TITLE Hazardous Materials Emergency Responders SB 314

ANALYST Peery-Galon

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY07	FY08		
NA	\$400.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Department of Public Safety (DPS)

Department of Health (DOH)

No Responses Received From

Governor's Office

Public Regulation Commission (PRC)

New Mexico Municipal League (NMML)

New Mexico Association of Counties (NMAC)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 314 appropriates \$400.0 from the general fund to the Department of Public Safety for the purpose of contracting for services with New Mexico-resident vendors for state-of-the-art training, using concurrent performance feedback, of volunteer and full-time firefighters, law enforcement personnel and other emergency responders to decontaminate people involved in a hazardous materials, radioactive or terrorism event.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$400.0 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.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

DPS reports that technician level training is often sourced to an out-of-state vendor due to the lack of qualified in-state vendors.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

DPS states the proposed legislations requirement for using concurrent performance feedback as a standard is essential to the process, otherwise there is not measurement for training effectiveness.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

Hazmat Science Applications of Santa Fe reports using a four-part systems approach process to decontamination:

- Validate the procedures for decontamination of responders, victims and medical receiver for maximum effectiveness;
- Maximize the effectiveness of first-responder and medical-receiver training in the validated procedure by using a performance feedback loop of visual evidence of success of failure of decontamination;
- Evaluate decon equipment for its compatibility, reliability, and usefulness within the validated procedure; and
- Test and evaluate the performance of the decon system, such as procedures, personnel and equipment, under field operations.

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