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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Wallace ORIGINAL DATE 1/18/08  
LAST UPDATED \_\_\_\_\_ HB 110  
SHORT TITLE Emergency Responder Decontamination Training SB \_\_\_\_\_  
ANALYST Peery-Galon

### APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY08	FY09		
NA	\$400.0	Recurring	General Fund

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

#### Responses Received From

Department of Health (DOH)

Homeland Security and Emergency Management Department (HSEMD)

#### No Responses Received From

Department of Public Safety

New Mexico Municipal League

Association of Counties

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 110 appropriates \$400.0 from the general fund to the Department of Public Safety to contract 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 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 2009 shall revert to the general fund.

**SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

DOH reports the proposed legislation addressed the need for all types of first responders to be trained on how to practice personal protection and to be capable of decontaminating members of the public exposed to hazardous materials. DOH and the Homeland Security and Emergency Management Department receive federal funding from the Department of Energy, Department of Transportation, Department of Homeland Security, and Department of Health and Human Services to provide personal protection and patient decontamination training to hospital personnel, emergency medical technicians, law enforcement, emergency management and firefighters.

HSEMD has oversight for all hazardous materials response protocols and training per the Homeland Security and Emergency Management Act. The Department of Public Safety maintains emergency response officers to coordinate hazardous materials highway accidents. HSEMD states the proposed legislation should be amended to appropriate funding to its department.

HSEMD states decontamination training for first responders for a hazardous materials, radioactive and/or terrorist event is needed in the state. HSEMD reports fully trained decontamination teams more widely available statewide would enhance capabilities and provide better response for citizens.

**PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS**

HSEMD reports the requirement for using concurrent performance feedback as a standard is essential to the process. Otherwise, there is no measurement of decontamination effectiveness.

**OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES**

HSEMD reports the number of New Mexico vendors may be limited.

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