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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 1/26/08

SPONSOR B. Lujan LAST UPDATED \_\_\_\_\_ HB 477

SHORT TITLE Pojoaque EMS and Firefighter Services SB \_\_\_\_\_

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### APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY08	FY09		
	\$30.0	Non-Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From  
Department of Health (DOH)

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 477, Making an Appropriation for EMS and Firefighter Services for the Pojoaque Volunteer Fire District, appropriates \$30.0 thousand from the general fund to DFA for the purpose of the reason just stated.

### FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$30.0 thousand contained in this bill is a non-recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY09 shall revert to the general fund.

### SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

DOH notes that the Pojoaque Volunteer Fire District responds to emergency medical service and fire calls on Pojoaque Pueblo lands as well as a large portion of northern Santa Fe County. This area includes the Pojoaque Pueblo's Cities of Gold Hotel and Casino, and Tesuque Pueblo's Camel Rock Casino. The Buffalo Thunder Resort is expected to open this year, and there is a planned casino on the Nambe Pueblo as well. There is also significant development in the non-tribal areas, all resulting in increased demand for emergency medical and fire services. The

closest hospital facilities are in Espanola nine miles away and Santa Fe at sixteen miles. This district does not benefit from development impact fees that help other fire districts in Santa Fe County due to tribal exemptions. Emergency medical service agencies have historically been under funded in regards to training and operational costs. Funding to support emergency medical services in the Pojoaque Fire District is needed. It is unclear how this money will be distributed between the fire and emergency medical service.

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