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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 2/1/08

SPONSOR Griego LAST UPDATED _____ HB _____

SHORT TITLE DWI Drunk Prevention Technology Task Force SB 499

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APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY08	FY09		
	\$250	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC)
 Bernalillo County Metropolitan Court (BCMC)
 Public Defender (PD)
 Taxation and Revenue Department (TRD)
 Department of Corrections (DOC)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

SB 499 proposed the creation of a task force that would study the feasibility of implementing DWI drunk prevention technology in New Mexico that would use driver's licenses to electronically register the amount and type of alcoholic liquor purchase by the holder of a driver's license from a business that sells or serves alcohol to the public.

This task force is to be composed of the following members:

- Director of the Alcohol and Gaming Division of the Regulation and Licensing Department or designee;
- Director of the Motor Vehicle Division of the Taxation and Revenue Department or designee;
- Chief of the Traffic Safety Bureau of the Department of Transportation;
- Secretary of Public Safety or designee;
- A representative from the New Mexico Sheriffs' and Police Association; and
- Seven members appointed by the Governor.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

Senate Bill 499 also provides an appropriation of two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) from the General Fund to the Alcohol and Gaming Division of the Regulation and Licensing Department for the DWI Drunk Prevention Technology Task Force to expend, including the acquisition of a pilot project that demonstrates the DWI drunk prevention technology. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY09 shall revert to the general fund.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

This bill could improve the overall operation of the criminal justice system and help to decrease recidivism.

ALTERNATIVES

There is currently a D.W.I. Leadership Team headed by D.W.I. Czar Rachel O’Conner comprised of many experts in this area, some of which are requested by the legislation to be on the task force. It might be a better use of resources and avoid duplication of efforts if the Leadership Team be asked to review these issues.

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