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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 01/30/12

SPONSOR Morales LAST UPDATED _____ HB _____

SHORT TITLE Protective Vests for Police Dogs SB 131

ANALYST Sánchez

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY12	FY13		
NFI*	NFI*	Recurring	OSF

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

***The distribution would not affect any of the police dogs used by the Department of Public Safety or the New Mexico Corrections Department.**

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From
Department of Public Safety (DPS)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

The bill proposes to amend NMSA 1978, Section 29-13-7 NMSA 1978 regarding expenditures out of the Law Enforcement Protection Fund. New language would be added to allow for the purchase of law enforcement equipment, including protective vests, for police dogs.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no fiscal implications to the New Mexico Department of Public Safety from passage of the proposed legislation in that the Law Enforcement Protection Fund does not allow for expenditures to the New Mexico Department of Public Safety. The fund is specifically for the benefit of “municipal police, university police, tribal police, and county sheriff’s departments”.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The most significant issue is the recognition that the Law Enforcement Protection Fund is not available for distribution to any state entity.

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