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### **APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)**

Appropr	iation	Recurring	Fund Affected	
FY13	FY14	or Nonrecurring		
	\$200.0	Nonrecurring	General Fund	

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

#### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Department of Health (DOH)

Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (DHSEM)

#### **SUMMARY**

### Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 179 appropriates \$200 thousand nonrecurring dollars from the general fund to the DHSEM for the New Mexico Task Force One (NM-TF1) which is the state's only Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) coordinated urban search and rescue team designed to provide a coordinated response to disasters in urban environments. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2014 shall revert to the general fund.

### FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$200 thousand contained in this bill is a nonrecurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY14 shall revert to the general fund.

### WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

The DHSEM provided the following analysis:

Currently NM-TF1's equipment cache includes over 12,000 items and weighs in excess

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of 53,000 pounds. This specialized equipment includes hydraulic jacks, rams, shoring, high-tech listening devices, hazardous material monitoring equipment, and specialized victim location devices, breaching, breaking and lifting equipment, and specialized medical and triage equipment.

This equipment cache was purchased at an estimated cost of \$2.0 million. The FEMA conducts an annual inspection of the equipment cache and may remove funding for the New Mexico team if equipment is not kept operational and ready for immediate deployment. In order to remain operational for state and federal deployments, NM-TF1 needs funds for maintenance of existing equipment and purchase of new specialty equipment.

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