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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 2/26/15
 LAST UPDATED 3/17/15 HB 589

SPONSOR Ruiloba

SHORT TITLE Law Enforcement Protection Fund Distributions SB _____

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REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY15	FY16	FY17		
	(\$450.0)*	(\$450.0)*	Recurring	General Fund

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY15	FY16	FY17	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total		\$450.0	\$450.0	\$900.0	Recurring	Law Enforcement Protection Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

*Under current law, these funds would revert to the general fund.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Department of Public Safety (DPS)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

HB 589 provides for a distribution from the Law Enforcement Protection Fund to certified regional law enforcement training facilities and the New Mexico Law Enforcement Academy for training. The academy and each regional facility shall be entitled to a rate of distribution of \$50 thousand which may be used only for basic, advanced, or in-service law enforcement training and for the purchase of equipment directly related to that training.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

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This bill would distribute \$50 thousand to the eight regional training academies and \$50 thousand to the state Law Enforcement Academy. Under current distribution rates, \$4.5 million was reverted from the law enforcement protection fund in FY14 to the general fund. **Approximately \$450 thousand less would be reverted to the general fund annually.**

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

DPS stated that the bill will have a positive impact on the 9 law enforcement academies in New Mexico, including the DPS LEA. While all 9 law enforcement academies in NM have established their basic training programs, this bill allows the academies to expand additional training offerings that could be taught for the surrounding agencies and or it will assist the law enforcement academy's to purchase much needed equipment that can be used for both basic and advanced training for years to come.

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