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**AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS
2025 REGULAR SESSION**

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SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION

{Indicate if analysis is on an original bill, amendment, substitute or a correction of a previous bill}

Click all that apply:

Original **Amendment**
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Date 2025-02-21

Bill No: SB505

Sponsor: Cervantes, Joseph **Agency Name and Code** NMHED
Short LAW ENFORCEMENT **Number:** _____
Title: USE OF BODY CAMERAS **Person Writing** Sena, Kathleen
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SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY25	FY26		
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY25	FY26	FY27		

N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY25	FY26	FY27	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates/Conflicts with/Companion to/Relates to:

Duplicates/Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act:

SECTION III: NARRATIVE

BILL SUMMARY

Senate Bill 505 (SB505) amends Section 29-1-18 NMSA 1978 (originally enacted by Laws 2020, 1st S.S., Chapter 7, Section 1) to strengthen accountability for body-worn camera compliance. The legislation modifies Subsection C by replacing "may" with "shall" in two instances: first, in line 9, to state that peace officers who fail to comply with body-worn camera requirements "shall be presumed to have acted in bad faith," and second, in line 10, to clarify that such noncompliance "shall be deemed liable for intentional spoliation of evidence."

Additionally, SB505 expands the definition of "law enforcement agency" to explicitly include police departments at public post-secondary education institutions.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

This is an existing law.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

SB505 will require that police departments of public post-secondary educational institutions make sure the peace officers in their departments are trained and adhere to Section 29-1-18 NMSA 1978.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

N/A

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

N/A

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

N/A

TECHNICAL ISSUES

N/A

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

N/A

ALTERNATIVES

N/A

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

If SB505 is not passed, police departments at post-secondary educational institutions will not be required to follow Section 29-1-18 NMSA 1978.

AMENDMENTS

N/A