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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Borrego LAST UPDATED _____
ORIGINAL DATE 1/22/24
SHORT TITLE State Police Protection & Testing BILL
Equipment NUMBER House Bill 86
ANALYST Daly

APPROPRIATION* (dollars in thousands)

FY24	FY25	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
	\$500.0	Nonrecurring	General Fund

Parentheses () indicate expenditure decreases.

*Amounts reflect most recent analysis of this legislation.

Sources of Information

LFC Files

Agency Analysis Received From
Regulation and Licensing Department (RLD)
Department of Public Safety (DPS)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of House Bill 86

House Bill 86 appropriates \$500 thousand from the general fund to the state police division of the Department of Public Safety for the purpose of purchasing personal protection and cannabis testing equipment.

This bill does not contain an effective date and, as a result, would go into effect 90 days after the Legislature adjourns, or May 15, 2024, if enacted.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$500 thousand contained in this bill is a nonrecurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY25 shall revert to the general fund.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

DPS reports the New Mexico State Police plans to purchase air quality testing machines, respiratory protection devices, and other personal equipment to keep officers safe in potentially

hazardous environments when investigating illicit cannabis growing operations and other activities that may be in violation of the Cannabis Regulation Act.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

Regulation and Licensing Department (RLD) suggests language clarifying the purpose of cannabis testing equipment (e.g. to determine cannabis content in products, or to determine cannabis intoxication in individuals) would help it determine if and how the expenditures would impact Cannabis Control Division's regulation and compliance efforts.

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