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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

**BILL NUMBER:** Senate Memorial 8

**SHORT TITLE:** Honoring Law Enforcement Officers

**SPONSOR:** Block

**LAST ORIGINAL**  
**UPDATE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE:** 02/12/2026 **ANALYST:** Sanchez

### ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT\* (dollars in thousands)

Agency/Program	FY26	FY27	FY28	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
DPS	See "Fiscal Implications"	No fiscal impact	No fiscal impact			

Parentheses ( ) indicate expenditure decreases.

\*Amounts reflect most recent analysis of this legislation.

### Sources of Information

LFC Files

Agency or Agencies Providing Analysis

Department of Public Safety

## SUMMARY

### Synopsis of Senate Memorial 8

Senate Memorial 8 (SM8) formally honors and recognizes the service and sacrifice of law enforcement officers in New Mexico. The memorial acknowledges the number of officers serving in the state and nationwide, recognizes those who have died in the line of duty, and highlights the risks and responsibilities associated with law enforcement work. It attributes reductions in crime rates over recent decades to the efforts of law enforcement personnel and expresses appreciation for their professionalism and dedication. The memorial's operative effect is to declare the Senate's recognition and respect for law enforcement officers and their contributions to public safety in New Mexico.

## FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

Because the memorial is nonbinding and does not mandate action, it has no direct fiscal impact. The Department of Public Safety (DPS) reports no fiscal implications, and the measure does not affect revenues, expenditures, or agency operating budgets as introduced.

## SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

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SM8 advocates for supporting law enforcement with adequate staffing, training, equipment, and mental health resources, along with harsher penalties for violence against officers. While nonbinding, these policies relate to existing laws on training, sentencing, and agency oversight, potentially influencing future legislation under the Law Enforcement Training Act, the Criminal Code, and oversight bodies.

The memorial also highlights workforce shortages, officer safety concerns, and mental health impacts associated with law enforcement service. These issues concern ongoing state discussions on recruitment and retention, officer wellness programs, and certification and decertification standards.

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