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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 1/31/06

SPONSOR Balderas LAST UPDATED _____ HB 716

SHORT TITLE Second Judicial District Methamphetamine Unit SB _____

ANALYST Medina

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY06	FY07		
	\$336.5	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 716 appropriates \$336.5 from the general fund to the Second Judicial District Attorney for the purpose of creating a methamphetamine prosecution unit that prosecutes felony crimes related to methamphetamine. The bill provides that the appropriation be used for salaries and benefits for seven additional FTE: four additional assistant trial attorneys, two secretaries and one prosecution specialist, and associated operating expenses.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$336.5 contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2007 shall revert to the general fund.

The agency requested this appropriation and the seven related FTE as base expansion in their FY07 appropriation request. Neither the LFC nor the Executive recommended this base expansion. The LFC did recommend expansion of \$143.1 for two additional FTE for DWI prosecution and 1.5 FTE for the prosecution of crimes against children.

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