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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

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SHORT TITLE Increase Border Authority Base Budget      SB 471

ANALYST Earnest

### APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY06	FY07		
	\$200.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SB 471 relates to the appropriation in the General Appropriation Act.

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From  
 Border Authority (NMBA)

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 471 appropriates \$200 thousand from the general fund to the Border Authority to increase their base budget and expand operations.

### FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$200 thousand 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.

### SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

As directed by the executive, the Border Authority requested an FY07 budget of about \$430 thousand, equal to the FY06 operating budget. The flat budget will likely restrict their activities in the coming year. NMBA will move into a new building in fiscal year 2007. The agency notes that this funding will pay for the purchase and installation for new equipment, such as com-

puters, furniture, phone system, and the on-going costs for upkeep, maintenance, utilities and other services. In addition, NMBA reports that it has a progressive media campaign to increase commercial and private traffic between the two countries and the additional funding would allow the project to continue.

NMBA has statutory authority to raise revenue for the “border development fund” to be appropriated for operations. NMBA has not raised revenue through enterprise activity or bonding authority, and remains fully funded by appropriations from the general fund.

**WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL**

NMBA might be restricted in its capabilities to advance New Mexico border development and growth.

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