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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

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SPONSOR Espinosa

SHORT TITLE Chaves Detention Center Management System SB _____

ANALYST Propst

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY07	FY08		
	\$200.0	Non-recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Department of Finance and Administration (DFA)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 659 makes an appropriation of \$200.0 from the General Fund to the Local Government Division of the Department of Finance and Administration to purchase and install a jail management system for the Chaves County Detention Center.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$200.0 contained in this bill is a non-recurring expense to the General Fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY08 shall revert to the General Fund.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

DFA reports that the jail management system is intended to improve financial efficiencies by redirecting costs associated with the current mechanical process of communication, planning and identification of criminal activity in Chaves County and related State and federal law enforcement agencies.

The purchase of the jail management system should improve the communication network with local law enforcement jurisdictions, courts and District Attorney in Chaves County. The system provides an efficient database and planning tool to law enforcement officials and county commissioners. It also allows for inter-phase opportunities with the existing Computer Aided Dispatching System, Judicial Data Exchange and AFIS (Bio-Metric identification) systems in the State used to create greater law enforcement efficiencies related to criminal identification in and outside of the county.

DFA further notes that the same person-hour costs now spent to maintain the current method of communication, data management, and planning could potentially be redeployed toward more efficient and useful law enforcement purposes in Chaves County and the State.

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