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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

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SHORT TITLE Change Crime Stoppers Advisory Council Name SB _____
ANALYST Peery-Galon

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY07	FY08	FY09	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
Total	NA	\$70.0	\$70.0	\$140.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Department of Public Safety (DPS)
Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC)

No Responses Received From

New Mexico Municipal League
New Mexico Association of Counties

SUMMARY

Synopsis of HAFC Amendment

The House Appropriations and Finance Committee amendment to House Bill 985 removes any language pertaining to an appropriation.

Synopsis of Original Bill

House Bill 985 revises the name of the Crime Stoppers Advisory Council to the Crime Stoppers Council and administratively attaches the council to the Department of Public Safety. The proposed legislation appropriates \$70.0 from the general fund to Department of Public Safety for administrative and operating costs and per diem and mileage expenses of the crime stoppers council.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$70.0 contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2008 shall revert to the general fund.

The executive budget recommendation for the Department of Public Safety for fiscal year 2008 includes an expansion that is a governor's initiative for \$70 thousand for crime stoppers.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

Crime Stoppers started here in New Mexico stemming from the murder of a Michael Carmen who was shot to death working at a small gas station during an arm robbery in July 1976. The Albuquerque Police Department teamed up with KOAT channel 7 to request anonymous information about the murder and offer a cash reward. On September 8, 1976 the first crime reenactment was broadcasted on KOAT channel 7 news. This lead to the police acquiring information that solved the murder case of Michael Carmen, and the police received information that solved a handful of other local crimes. As a result Crime Stopper Programs are now worldwide with more 1,100 programs. The local programs are responsible for solving serious crimes by offering rewards anonymously.

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