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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 2/21/07

SPONSOR Salazar LAST UPDATED _____ HB HM 26

SHORT TITLE Additional Law Enforcement in Chamita, NM SB _____

ANALYST Peery-Galon

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY07	FY08		
NA	\$.1	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

No Responses Received From

Department of Public Safety (DPS)
New Mexico Association of Counties

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Memorial 26 states the House of Representatives of the State of New Mexico “recognize that the residents of Chamita and the neighboring areas in Rio Arriba County have a dire need for assignment of additional New Mexico State Police officers in those areas to reinforce community efforts to halt and reverse the current escalation of criminal activity that is adversely affecting the citizenry and degrading these communities.” Also, the memorial states the house recognizes the necessity for the required legislative action and appropriation of funds that will enable the New Mexico State Police to assign additional law enforcement officers requested by the residents of Chamita and the surrounding areas of Rio Arriba County.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The fiscal implication of the memorial is indirect in that it calls for the House of Representatives of the State of New Mexico to recognize the necessity for required legislative action and appropriation of funds to enable the state police to assign additional officers to Chamita and the surrounding areas.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

DPS uses manpower allocation formulas which are a combination of population and calls for service to determine the number of officers required for staffing districts. DPS states to currently

authorize extra personnel would not be prudent until the New Mexico State Police can fill existing vacancies. A recent salary increase has improved recruiting and the department hopes to fill existing vacancies statewide. DPS notes that several communities around the state are feeling the effects of high vacancy rates, as these vacancies decline the state police hope to better address the needs of all rural New Mexico communities.

In January 2006, DPS completed a compensation plan that endorsed \$6.4 million in pay raises for commissioned officers. The compensation plan proposed for FY07, an average pay increase of 17.3 percent for State Police officers, 20.2 percent for Special Investigation Division officers and 18 percent for Motor Transportation Division officers. The Legislature and governor appropriated a pay increase of \$5.7 million for FY07. Although the appropriation for FY07 is short by \$650,100 from DPS’s compensation plan, the department is providing pay increases as stated in the plan.

DPS’s Key Quarterly Measure Report, for the second quarter of fiscal year 2007, shows the New Mexico State Police had 72, or 13.5 percent, vacant positions. The state police are authorized for 605 commissioned officers and have not had an increase in the number of commissioned officers since fiscal year 2002.

Number of Appropriated State Police Officers by Assignment

State Police Organizational Unit	FY01	FY02	FY03	FY04	FY05	FY06	FY07
Chief's Office	4	4	4	6	8	8	7
Zone Commanders	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Governor's Security	9	9	9	14	14	14	14
Special Operations	8	8	8	16	16	16	18
D-01 - Santa Fe	25	29	29	28	28	28	28
D-02 - Las Vegas	49	52	52	47	46	47	47
D-03 - Roswell	35	35	35	32	32	32	32
D-04 - Las Cruces	24	27	27	28	28	28	28
D-05 - Albuquerque	44	48	48	45	46	46	46
D-06 - Gallup	31	36	36	34	33	33	33
D-07 - Espanola	44	51	51	55	54	54	54
D-08 - Alamogordo	25	26	26	23	24	23	23
D-09 - Clovis	39	44	44	43	43	43	43
D-10 - Farmington	31	34	34	32	32	32	32
D-11 - Socorro	25	26	26	26	26	26	26
D-12 - Deming	31	36	36	33	34	33	33
Investigation Bureau	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Criminal Section	49	56	56	57	57	57	57
Narcotics Section	53	60	61	63	62	63	62
State Police Training	12	12	12	12	11	11	12
Standards Bureau	9	9	9	9	9	9	8
TOTALS	550	605	605	605	605	605	605

Source: Department of Public Safety