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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 2/5/08

SPONSOR Rehm LAST UPDATED 2/8/08 HM 53/aHAFC

SHORT TITLE Study Auto Theft in New Mexico SB _____

ANALYST Peery-Galon

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY08	FY09	FY10	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
Total		\$0.1		\$0.1	Non- Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to House Memorial 28

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Taxation and Revenue Department (TRD)

Administrative Office of the District Attorneys (AODA)

No Responses Received From

Attorney General's Office (AGO)

Department of Public Safety (DPS)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of HAFC Amendment

The House Appropriation and Finance Committee Amendment to House Memorial 53 on page 2, line 2, strikes "2005" and inserts "2006." The memorial now states "out of three hundred sixty-one metropolitan areas studied in 2006, Albuquerque had the thirteenth-highest rate of auto thefts, which increased by forty-five percent from 2006."

Synopsis of Original Bill

House Memorial 53 requests the secretary of the Department of Public Safety and the director of the Motor Vehicle Division of the Taxation and Revenue Department to assemble a task force that includes representatives from local law enforcement agencies, motor vehicle insurance providers or agents, the attorney general's office, the district attorneys' association and other relevant or interested parties to conduct a comprehensive study of the problem of auto theft in New Mexico. The study is to include the dismantling of vehicles for their components, the

illegal exporting of stolen vehicles and the changing of vehicle identification numbers in order to sell stolen vehicles, and to make recommendations on changes to the law or regulations as necessary. The task force is to examine current certificate of title laws and procedures in New Mexico and make recommendations on how these laws or procedures can be enhanced to thwart deceptive practices by car thieves and their accomplices. The task force is to report on its study and recommendation to the appropriate interim legislative committee during the 2008 interim and no later than November 1, 2008.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The agencies selected to participate in the study will have a minimal fiscal impact in regards to time and travel costs.

AODA states fiscal implications are time away from regular job for each task force members, travel to meetings, and costs for typing and printing recommendations.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

TRD reports the issues raised by the memorial are very real. TRD states active involvement of the entities proposed as participants in the auto theft task force is a positive step to address the problem of auto theft.

AODA states the task force created by this memorial would seem to have some overlap with the task force proposed in House Memorial 28. House Memorial 28 requests the governor to convene a task force to study the creation of a state authority to combat the problem of automobile theft in the state.

The Bureau of Justice Statistics reports in 2006 that 9,224 auto thefts were committed in New Mexico. This number is up by 1,232 auto thefts from 2005.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

House Memorial 53 has a relationship with House Memorial 28.

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