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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 02/09/14
LAST UPDATED 02/14/14 **HB** 309/HCPACS

SPONSOR HCPAC

SHORT TITLE Fifth Judicial District Crisis Response Team **SB** _____

ANALYST Jorgensen

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY14	FY15		
	\$250.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates SB 279

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC)

Administrative Office of the District Attorneys (AODA)

Department of Health (DOH)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

The House Consumer and Public Affairs Committee substitute for House Bill 309 appropriates \$250 thousand from the general fund to Administrative Office of the District Attorneys for the purpose of creating a crisis response team to serve Chaves, Eddy, and Lea counties. The team will include victim advocates, forensic interviewers, therapists, and courthouse dogs.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$250 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 2015 shall revert to the general fund.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The AOC notes for a crisis team to be established and effectively used, an emergency plan would need to be established between the fifth judicial district court and district attorney's office as well as emergency services, law enforcement, and school officials.

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The DOH states that the funding for the proposed services may be duplicative of the services provided by the Emergency Medical Systems Bureau which is a crisis support team that provides critical incident stress management interventions if requested by public safety responders or other government employees.

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