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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

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LAST UPDATED 3/16/15 **HB** 174/aSJC

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SHORT TITLE Amber Alerts to Pagers & Cell Phones **SB** _____

ANALYST Chenier

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY15	FY16	FY17	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total		Indeterminate	Indeterminate	Indeterminate	Recurring	Unknown

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

SUMMARY

Synopsis of SJC Amendment

The Senate Judiciary Amendment to House Bill 174 would amend Section 63-9B-4.1 NMSA 1978 to:

- require commercial mobile radio service providers to submit to the chief of the New Mexico State Police the provider’s procedure for receiving and disseminating amber alerts to provider’s customers;
- require alerting authorities to use the Federal Emergency Management Agency’s integrated public alert and warning system to communicate wireless emergency alerts;
- require providers to disseminate wireless emergency alerts to the provider’s customers in the geographic area identified in the emergency alert; and,
- require providers to disseminate emergency alerts at no additional expense to a provider’s customers.

The bill also defines alerting authority, commercial mobile radio service provider, integrated public alert and warning system, and wireless emergency alert.

Synopsis of Original Bill

House Bill 174 requires every cellular and pager service provider to send a text message, at no additional expense to the customer, alerting customers that an amber alert has been issued within the geographical area.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

There should be no additional expenses to state agencies with enactment of this bill, but cellular and pager service providers would incur the cost of issuing these alerts. With no responses received for the amended bill, fiscal implications to non-state and state entities such as the Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management are unknown.

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