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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Ramos/ Rep. G Armstrong/ Sanchez ORIGINAL DATE 2/01/19 LAST UPDATED \_\_\_\_\_ HB \_\_\_\_\_  
 SHORT TITLE Catron County Controlled Substance Seizures SB 427  
 ANALYST Gaussoin

### APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY19	FY20		
	\$50.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Related to Senate Bills 426 and 428

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

#### Responses Received From

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

#### No Responses Received

Department of Finance and Administration (DFA)  
 Department of Health (DOH)

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 427 appropriates \$50 thousand from the general fund to the Local Government Division for use during FY20 in the investigation and seizure of controlled substances in Catron County. Any money remaining at the end of the fiscal year shall revert to the general fund.

### FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$50 thousand contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY20 shall revert to the general fund

## **SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

DPS reports the bill would have no significant impact on the department.

Catron County is not among the 17 counties in the designated New Mexico High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (NMHIDTA), a primary program for federal drug interdiction grants.

The federal grant program of HIDTA, administered by the Office of National Drug Control Policy, supports federal, state, local, and tribal law enforcement agencies within designated areas. Hidalgo County, a neighbor of Catron County and a NMHIDTA county, received almost \$240 thousand in a HIDTA grant in 2018.

## **RELATIONSHIP**

Senate Bills 426 and 428 appropriate \$50 thousand from the general fund for drug interdiction in Grant and Socorro counties, respectively.

## **OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES**

The amount might be too small to make a significant difference in state and county drug efforts in the county.

## **ALTERNATIVES**

Catron County could apply for federal grants.

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