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**AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS
2024 REGULAR SESSION**

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SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION

{Indicate if analysis is on an original bill, amendment, substitute, or a correction of a previous bill}

Check all that apply:
Original **Amendment** _____
Correction _____ **Substitute** _____

Date 1/19/24
Bill No: S 82

Sponsor: Jeff Steinborn
Short Title: Insurance for Search & Rescue Volunteers

Agency Name and Code DHSEM-795
Number: _____
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SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY24	FY25		
\$0	\$0	NA	NA

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY24	FY25	FY26		
\$0	\$0	\$0	NA	NA

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY24	FY25	FY26	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	NA	NA

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates/Conflicts with/Companion to/Relates to:
Duplicates/Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act

SECTION III: NARRATIVE

BILL SUMMARY

Synopsis: SB 82 requires the Risk Management Division of the General Services Department to maintain an accident insurance policy that covers search and rescue volunteers. The Bill defines a “search and rescue volunteer,” as, “an uncompensated person who is registered with the state search and rescue control agency as having volunteered on a search and rescue mission.” Under NMSA 1978, Section 24-15A-3(D) the New Mexico Department of Public Safety is currently the “control agency,” i.e., the Agency Having Jurisdiction (AHJ) for search and rescue activities in New Mexico.

The required benefits of the policy shall, at a minimum, include: (1) \$150,000.00 for the accidental death or dismemberment of a search and rescue volunteer that occurs during an authorized search and rescue mission or training exercise; and (2) \$50,000.00 for medical expenses related to injuries that search and rescue volunteers incur during authorized search and rescue missions or training exercises.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The New Mexico Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (DHSEM) is unaware what additional costs the State of New Mexico would incur by Risk Management maintaining additional insurance policies that cover search and rescue volunteers.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The Risk Management Division within the General Services Department has indicated that SB 82 is redundant, as the Division already possesses insurance coverage that extends to search and rescue volunteers.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

Please note the above listed redundancy concern.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

DHSEM is unaware of the administrative implications of SB 82.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP
NA

TECHNICAL ISSUES

DHSEM is unaware of any technical issues with SB 82.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

ALTERNATIVES

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

Please see the redundancy of insurance coverage as noted by the Risk Management Division of the General Services Department.

AMENDMENTS