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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

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SHORT TITLE E911 Committee Testimony to Legislature SJM 34

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APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY10	FY11		
	NFI	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Department of Information Technology (DoIT)

Department of Public Safety (DPS)

Department of Health (DOH)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Joint Memorial 34 requests that the local level E911 advisory committee and the state E911 coordinating committee ensure that, in addition to the agencies and other entities with which the committees are required to work by executive order, the committees ensure broad consensus by also working with the department of finance and administration, the taxation and revenue department, the homeland security and emergency management department, the department of information technology, the New Mexico state police, the department of public safety, the public regulation commission and the department of health.

Senate Joint Memorial 34 further requests that the local level E911 advisory committee and the state E911 coordinating committee review the Enhanced 911 Act, the Emergency Medical Services Act, the Homeland Security and Emergency Management Department Act, the Department of Information Technology Act, the Public Safety Telecommunicator Training Act and other relevant statutes or rules with a focus on identifying conflicts, overlaps or uncoordinated policies as well as funding considerations.

Finally, Senate Joint Memorial 34 requests that the local level E911 advisory committee and the state E911 coordinating committee jointly present their findings and recommendations to the science, technology and telecommunications committee or its successor committee, the legislative finance committee and the office of the governor by August 31, 2010.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

Senate Joint Memorial 34 has no fiscal implications.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

Enhanced 911, commonly referred to as "E911", provides a telecommunications system that automatically associates a physical address or location with the calling party's telephone number and routes a call to the closest or most appropriate public safety answering point, called a "PSAP", for that address or location.

The legislature enacted the Enhanced 911 Act "to further the public interest and protect the safety, health and welfare of the people of New Mexico by enabling the development, installation and operation of enhanced 911 emergency reporting systems to be operated under shared state and local governmental management and control".

The end-to-end solution, from the time someone calls 911 to when help arrives, involves an immense array of intertwined data; computer, radio and transmission equipment and software; public safety infrastructure; various personnel resources. a variety of complex, technical and expensive response equipment.

The enhanced 911 fund is limited to the costs of providing E911 services but does not include or extend to end-to-end solutions, which are funded by uncoordinated and unreliable federal, state and local funding mechanisms.

The consolidation of some PSAPs, the lack of interoperability and an ever-expanding array of public and private technology create challenges to fund and deliver adequately effective E911 services throughout the state.

The governor issued Executive Order 2007-005 to establish the local level E911 advisory committee to advise the state on matters that affect the operations of local PSAPs and the emergency response system within New Mexico.

The governor issued Executive Order 2007-006 to establish the state E911 coordinating committee to coordinate efforts among state agencies to ensure an end-to-end public safety solution, radio interoperability among responders and coordinated funding.

The local level E911 advisory committee has been working on a needs assessment and gap analysis for local governments, and the state E911 coordinating committee has been focusing on the funding needs of a statewide end-to-end emergency response system.

Both the local level E911 advisory committee and the state E911 coordinating committee expect to have their findings and recommendations available by August 31, 2010.

The science, technology and telecommunications committee has received testimony and made recommendations over several years regarding the technological and financial needs of an E911 system.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

The DOH states that SJM 34 may impact on EMS/DOH staff time to provide technical assistance and information to the two committees.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

The DoIT comments that it has submitted a waiver to the FCC to obtain a sublicense of the 700 MHz Public Safety broadband license of the Public Safety Spectrum Trust (PSST), a committee appointed by the FCC. DoIT is now part of a national effort to leverage a national standard of technology to benefit all public safety providers as part of its plan to support interoperability. Because of its large rural population, there is a real chance that DoIT will obtain the waiver. It is now looking at how it would implement a buildout of the infrastructure. Nationally, all public safety groups, including the national E911 organizations have supported the efforts of the PSST. Any reports back under this Memorial should ensure that DoIT's work toward the support of interoperability across Public Safety, including E911, is to the benefit of all public safety providers, including E911.

DoIT states E911 technology efforts should be required to be approved by DoIT as it is the State enterprise provider of technology services and its infrastructure provides a base for buildup of public safety technology.

The DPS notes that the work of the Local Level E911 Advisory Committee and the State E911 Coordinating Committee will aide law enforcement efforts to improve public safety in New Mexico by improving the effectiveness of the E911 system.

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