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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 1/18/13

SPONSOR Stapleton LAST UPDATED _____ HB 52

SHORT TITLE First-Time DWI Follow-Up Program SB _____

ANALYST Jorgensen

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY13	FY14	FY15	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total	\$100.0	\$100.0	\$100.0	\$300.0	Recurring	Driver Improvement Fund 10020

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC)

New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 52 would require first-time DWI offenders to attend a DWI follow-up program 3-5 months after the offender completes DWI school.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

In order to provide a follow-up program statewide, NMDOT will need to develop a standardized curriculum and disseminate the approved materials and curriculum, or identify a contractor that can provide the services. The estimated cost for development and dissemination of the statewide follow-up curriculum is between \$50 thousand - \$100 thousand per year. The NMDOT's cost estimate is based on current expenditures for its DWI school.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The legislation does not define "DWI follow-up program" leaving it unclear what kind of program would qualify, though it does indicate that such a program would have to be approved by the Traffic Safety Bureau. Without knowing the content, duration, or focus of such a "follow-up program" it is difficult to evaluate the possible fiscal implications.

It is unknown what fee, if any, would be charged to the offender for the follow-up program.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

The proposed follow-up course would require additional monitoring by NMDOT to ensure compliance with regulations that would be adopted.

ALTERNATIVES

A fee could be charged for holding the follow- up program to offset the cost.

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