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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Ruiloba **ORIGINAL DATE** 2/2/16
LAST UPDATED 2/11/16 **HB** 203/aHSCAC

SHORT TITLE Increase Amount for Indigent Use of Interlock **SB** _____

ANALYST Jorgensen

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY16	FY17	FY18	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total		\$174.4	\$174.4	\$348.8	Recurring	Interlock Device Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Department of Transportation (NMDOT)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of HSCAC Amendment

The House Safety and Civil Affairs Committee amendment to House Bill 203 increases the amount of funding that may be used for program administration from the interlock device fund from ten to fifteen percent in a given fiscal year.

Synopsis of Original Bill

House Bill 203 will increase the amount that the NMDOT Traffic Safety Division (TSD) may reimburse for eligible indigent offenders for ignition interlock monthly verified active usage fees from \$30 to \$50 per month.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

HB 203 would increase the total payment per eligible offender from \$460 to \$700 per year, an increase of 52 percent. The funding comes from the ignition interlock fund, a non-reverting fund which generates revenue through fees collected by the Motor Vehicle Division from non-indigent DWI offenders and an annual appropriation from the state's liquor excise tax.

The amounts noted in the fiscal impact table above are estimates based on a 52 percent cost increase for the services provided by vendors and exclude NMDOT's administrative costs.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

According to the NMDOT's FY15 audit, the ignition interlock fund had an ending balance of \$3.9 million. Additionally, the fund paid out \$544 thousand for operational expenses and received revenues of \$772 thousand resulting in an annual surplus of \$228 thousand.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

New Mexico has been identified as a national leader in the use and administration of ignition interlock devices as a tool to combat DWI. In FY 2015, approximately 12,000 ignition interlock devices were installed. The same year, 2,048 applications were approved for utilization of the interlock device fund, and NMDOT paid approximately \$319,419 from the fund for eligible participants.

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