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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Sharer ORIGINAL DATE 2/9/2017
LAST UPDATED _____ HB _____
SHORT TITLE Concealed Carry for Law Enforcement SB 283
ANALYST Rogers

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY17	FY18	FY19	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total	NFI	NFI	NFI	NFI	NFI	NFI

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to HB 62, HB 78, SB 56, SB 237, SB 283, and SJR 5.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 283 provides exceptions to the requirements of the Concealed Handgun Carry Act for reserve law enforcement officers. The bill defines a reserve law enforcement officer as an accepted volunteer, temporary, or part-time employee of a state or local law enforcement agency who has undergone a background check and has completed basic law enforcement training as certified by the director of the New Mexico Law Enforcement Academy.

The bill establishes exceptions for reserve law enforcement officers from application and renewal fees as well as training courses. Reserve law enforcement officers will be required to submit two full sets of fingerprints and a color photograph of themselves, as law enforcement and mounted patrol members must.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The bill does not include an appropriation.

The Department of Public Safety (DPS) reports it processes approximately 12,150 applications per year with a revenue averaging \$460 thousand. It is possible that the reduced activity resulting from this bill would require a smaller staff in the Concealed Handgun Carry Unit, which currently has seven FTE. One employee is paid from the general fund while the remaining FTE

are paid with revenue generated from licensing fees. If the licensing activity decreases, DPS's expenses for annual maintenance and upgrades of the criminal history screening computer system would exceed the revenue received from licensing and would have to be absorbed by other funding sources, including the general fund. The amount budgeted annually for maintaining and upgrading the computer system is between \$250 and \$350 thousand.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The bill clarifies requirements for reserve law enforcement officers.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

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