



## **SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

The funding appropriated in SB88 is intended for instructing volunteer firefighters in two different fire departments, but it is unclear how the \$30 thousand should be allocated between the two departments. It is also unclear how many volunteer firefighters will need to be trained and supported, so it is difficult to assess whether the \$30 thousand will be adequate for training all those interested in volunteering.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

As noted by DFA, to distribute funding, the local government division of DFA would need to enter into two separate grant agreements with the fiscal agents of the Tajique and Torreon Fire Departments and issue payment reimbursements for valid expenditures.

## **WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL**

Without enactment of SB88, the fire departments of Tajique and Torreon may experience limited availability that could impede available firefighter response in these areas. However, it is unknown the existing staff capacity at the department nor how many volunteer firefighters would be added to the departments as a result of SB88.

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