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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

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<u>APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)</u>										
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Appropr	iation	Recurring	Fund Affected	
FY22	FY23	or Nonrecurring		
	\$30.0	Nonrecurring	General Fund	

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ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY22	FY23	FY24	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total		Minimal	See Fiscal Implications			

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SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Response Received From

Department of Finance and Administration (DFA)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 88 appropriates \$30 thousand from the general fund to the local government division at the Department of Finance and Administration for training materials and instruction of volunteer fire fighters in Tajique and Torreon land grant-mercedes fire departments.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$30 thousand contained in this bill is a nonrecurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY23 shall revert to the general fund.

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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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