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**AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS - 2025 REGULAR SESSION**

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**SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION**

*{Indicate if analysis is on an original bill, amendment, substitute or a correction of a previous bill}*

**Date Prepared:** 02/24/2025 *Check all that apply:*  
**Bill Number:** SB 51 Original  Correction   
 Amendment  Substitute

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**SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT**

**APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)**

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY25	FY26		
N/A	NFI	NFI	NFI

(Parenthesis ( ) indicate expenditure decreases)

**REVENUE (dollars in thousands)**

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY25	FY26	FY27		
N/A	NFI	NFI	NFI	NFI

(Parenthesis ( ) indicate revenue decreases)

**ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)**

	FY25	FY26	FY27	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
<b>Total</b>	N/A	NFI	NFI	NFI	NFI	NFI

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates/Conflicts with/Companion to/Relates to:  
 Duplicates/Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act

### **SECTION III: NARRATIVE**

#### **BILL SUMMARY**

Appropriates \$3 million (GF) to the Local Government Division of the Department of Finance and Administration for use in FY2026 for communication infrastructure, including cellular telephone and radio towers, for Dona Ana, Hidalgo, and Luna Counties.

#### **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

None to DPS.

#### **SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

DPS recognizes there are limited communications coverage capabilities in the listed counties that compromises the ability to have adequate radio and cellular communications. This poses challenges for interoperability and public safety communications.

#### **PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS**

The Department of Public Safety (DPS) supports this funding incentive to enhance public safety communications. Additionally, DPS recommends that the affected counties consult with the New Mexico Department of Information Technology (DoIT) regarding the future possibility of joining the state-wide digital trunked radio communications system to improve communication and interoperability.

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS:**

None to DPS.

#### **CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP**

None to DPS.

#### **TECHNICAL ISSUES**

The New Mexico Department of Information Technology (DoIT), in collaboration with the Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management SWIC and the Southwest Border Communications Working Group, would be the appropriate agencies to assess current communication deficiencies and provide technical recommendations.

#### **OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES**

None to DPS.

#### **ALTERNATIVES:**

None to DPS.

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

Status quo will remain.

#### **AMENDMENTS**

None proposed by DPS.