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**AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS - 2025 REGULAR SESSION**

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**SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION**

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**Date Prepared:** 1/30/2025 *Check all that apply:*  
**Bill Number:** SB 199 Original  Correction   
 Amendment  Substitute

**Sponsor:** Sen. Leo Jaramillo **Agency Name and Code:** 790 – Department of Public Safety  
**Short Title:** ADMINISTRATION OF LOCAL DWI GRANT **Person Writing:** Major Robert Alguire  
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**SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT**

**APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)**

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY25	FY26		
NFI	NFI	NA	NA
NFI	NFI	NA	NA

(Parenthesis ( ) indicate expenditure decreases)

**REVENUE (dollars in thousands)**

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY25	FY26	FY27		
NFI	NFI	NFI	NA	NA
NFI	NFI	NFI	NA	NA

(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>	NFI	NFI	NFI	NFI	NA	NA

(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**

Increases from \$2.5 million to \$3 million the amount of liquor excise tax revenues that DFA's Local Government Division may use for grants to municipalities and counties. Ups the amount that may be expended in a year for administration of the DWI grant program by \$500,000 and the set aside in the county formula-based distributions by \$200,000.

#### **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are no direct fiscal implications to the Department of Public Safety(DPS) as we are not a recipient of these funds from the Department of Finance and Administration (DFA) but we are an indirect recipient of these funds as a pass-through recipient from counties and municipalities that do receive these funds. Increasing these distributions will result in an increase of funding to all entities working to address and reduce DWI issues.

#### **SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

There are no significant issues to DPS, however, by not implementing the additional funding it could limit the success of local DWI programs.

#### **PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS**

DPS supports an increase in DWI (Driving While Intoxicated) funds allocated to local counties throughout New Mexico, it would have a profoundly positive impact on both the effectiveness of DWI programs within the counties and the well-being of the state's citizens. An increase in funding would allow the DPS to bolster efforts to prevent impaired driving, improve public safety, and provide better resources for addressing alcohol-related issues in the state. Local counties would be able to enhance their enforcement efforts, offering more sobriety checkpoints, conducting targeted public awareness campaigns, and ensuring a stronger presence of law enforcement on the roads. This heightened visibility and proactive enforcement would likely lead to a reduction in alcohol-related accidents, injuries, and fatalities, making roads safer for everyone.

In addition to better enforcement, increased funding would support the expansion of treatment and rehabilitation programs for individuals arrested for DWI offenses. Many counties already use their current funding to provide counseling and rehabilitation services to offenders, but with additional resources, these programs could be broadened and improved. This would allow counties to better address the root causes of impaired driving—alcohol dependency and abuse—by offering offenders access to treatment that could prevent repeat offenses. For counties that are already struggling with limited resources, additional funding would help ensure that offenders are not only penalized but also given the tools to recover, which ultimately contributes to a reduction in alcohol-related incidents over time.

Moreover, increasing DWI funding would enhance the capacity of local judicial and probation systems, allowing them to better monitor and manage offenders. This would lead to more effective supervision and interventions, ensuring that those who have been arrested for DWI offenses are held accountable while also receiving the support they need to make positive changes in their behavior. For the DPS, this would create a more streamlined and coordinated system to address impaired driving, ensuring that resources are allocated efficiently and that the state's overall approach to DWI enforcement is more effective.

For the citizens of New Mexico, increased funding for DWI programs would have several direct benefits. First and foremost, the overall reduction in alcohol-related accidents and fatalities would contribute to safer communities and lessened public health risks. Public awareness campaigns funded by increased resources would educate drivers about the dangers of impaired driving and promote responsible behavior, leading to safer roads for everyone. Additionally, more access to treatment and rehabilitation services for individuals struggling with alcohol addiction would help reduce the number of people who drive while impaired, ultimately preventing both repeat offenses and new incidents. The state's investment in prevention, education, and treatment would foster a

culture of responsibility and support for those dealing with alcohol abuse issues, which would improve the well-being of communities across New Mexico.

Furthermore, increasing DWI funding would reduce the economic burden that alcohol-related incidents place on emergency services, healthcare, and the justice system. Fewer accidents and injuries would result in lower costs for medical care, insurance claims, and legal proceedings. With the added focus on treatment and rehabilitation, the long-term costs associated with alcohol abuse—such as lost productivity and ongoing medical care for alcohol-related conditions—would also decrease. This would create a more sustainable and efficient approach to tackling alcohol-related issues in the state.

In conclusion, DPS supports an increase in DWI funds to local counties, it would have a significant positive impact on the effectiveness of DWI programs across the state. Enhanced enforcement, expanded treatment services, and better judicial oversight would all contribute to a reduction in impaired driving incidents and the negative consequences associated with alcohol abuse. For the citizens of New Mexico, increased funding would lead to safer roads, greater access to treatment and rehabilitation, and a healthier, more supportive community. Ultimately, investing in DWI programs through increased funding would strengthen New Mexico's commitment to improving public safety, addressing alcohol-related issues, and reducing the economic and social costs associated with impaired driving.

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

There are no administrative implications to NMDPS

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

None.

#### **TECHNICAL ISSUES**

None.

#### **OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES**

None.

#### **ALTERNATIVES**

None.

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

The status quo will remain, and some Local County DWI Programs could struggle to be successful.

#### **AMENDMENTS**

None.