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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR: King DATE TYPED: 02/23/01 HB 649
 SHORT TITLE: Bulletproof Vests SB _____
 ANALYST: Padilla

APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY01	FY02	FY01	FY02		
	\$ 21.4			Non-recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates House Capital Outlay Request 1125. Partially duplicates Senate Capital Outlay Request 669.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

No Response Received:

Department of Finance and Administration
 Department of Public Safety

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 549 appropriates \$21.4 from the general fund to DFA's Local Government Division for the purpose of purchasing bullet-proof vests for the Torrance county sheriff's department.

Significant Issues

There are 23 officers in the Torrance county sheriff's department, including the sheriff and the deputy sheriff. The average price of a bullet-proof vest is approximately 600 dollars. At that price, 23 vests (one for each member of the Torrance county's sheriff's department) would cost \$13.8.

Under the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Act of 1998, the United States Department of Justice provides matching funds to local law enforcement departments for the purchase of bulletproof vests. The program allows the Department of Justice to provide 50 percent of the cost of each bullet-proof vest that meets National Institute of Justice standards. Information on the program is attached to this report.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$21.4 contained in this bill is a non-recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2002 shall revert to the general fund.

CONFLICT/DUPLICATION/COMPANIONSHIP/RELATIONSHIP

This bill duplicates two capital outlay requests, as noted above. As this bill is a non-recurring expenditure for a capital item, the sponsor may wish to pursue the capital outlay option.

POSSIBLE QUESTIONS

Could the Torrance county sheriff's department be eligible for federal matching funds for the purchase of bullet-proof vests?

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Attachment