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# FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

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SHORT TITLE	E: Office of Emergency	Preparedness		SB	413
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#### **APPROPRIATION**

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY02	FY03	FY02	FY03		
	\$775.0			Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

#### **SOURCES OF INFORMATION**

LFC files

Responses Received From
Attorney General's Office
New Mexico Department of Public Safety
New Mexico Commission on Higher Education
Health Policy Commission

## No Response

The Department of Finance and Administration

### **SUMMARY**

## Synopsis of Bill

Senate bill 413 appropriates \$775.0 from the general fund to the Local Government Division of the Department of Finance and Administration for the purpose of establishing an office of emergency preparedness in the city of Albuquerque to provide support to local emergency response agencies statewide.

### Significant Issues

According to the Attorney General's Office, "Currently the Department of Public Safety is in charge of and houses the state emergency response functions. The department has an established and functioning structure to interface and support local and county emergency preparedness state-

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wide. The department's office of emergency management has managers who oversee local and county emergency response issues and functions. SB 413 may be duplicative of the already existing functions of and programs at the Department of Public Safety."

According to the New Mexico Department of Public Safety, the State Civil Emergency Preparedness Act assigns responsibility to the New Mexico Department of Public Safety for statewide emergency preparedness.

### FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$775.0 contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY03 shall revert to the general fund.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

None reported.

#### CONFLICT/DUPLICATION/COMPANIONSHIP/RELATIONSHIP

This bill relates to SB 115 and HB 154, NMIMT Homeland Security Center, both of which allocate \$500,000 for establishment of a Homeland Security Center at New Mexico Tech in Socorro. This bill also relates to SB149, which amends Section 13-1-127 NMSA 1978, Public Purchases and Property, to include additional language and situations for the purposes identifying an emergency and defines the financial reporting process for all money expended for planning and preparing for an emergency response.

### OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

The Office of Emergency Services and Security (OESS), a subdivision of the New Mexico Department of Public Safety, provides statewide emergency management services. Currently the City of Albuquerque has an Office of Emergency Preparedness (OEP) that provides emergency management services to the city of Albuquerque. According to the New Mexico Department of Public Safety, the OEP has no responsibility to provide statewide services, however, as partners with the OESS and Local Offices of Emergency Preparedness; they do assist in statewide emergencies.

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