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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Hamilton DATE TYPED 03/07/05 HB HM48

SHORT TITLE Statewide Warrant Study SB \_\_\_\_\_

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### APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY05	FY06	FY05	FY06		
	NFI		(Minimal)	Non-recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

#### Responses Received From

Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC)

#### No Responses Received From

Department of Public Safety (DPS)

NM Association of Counties (NMAC)

NM Municipal League (NMML)

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

House Memorial 48 requests that the Administrative Office of the Courts, the Department of Public Safety, the New Mexico Association of Counties and the New Mexico Municipal League elect a chairperson and study the issuance, delivery, entry into the New Mexico criminal information center, service and housing of all warrants issued by the courts in the state of New Mexico.

The study would include representation of dispatchers, tribes and pueblos, magistrate judges, municipal judges, district judges, the New Mexico sheriffs' and police association and the New Mexico association of chiefs of police.

The memorial requests AOC, DPS, the New Mexico Association of Counties and the New Mexico Municipal League determine what, if any, changes are needed and that a report of the findings shall be submitted to the appropriate interim Committee no later than November 1, 2005.

A copy of this Joint Memorial would be transmitted to the Administrative Office of the Courts, the Department of Public Safety, the New Mexico Association of Counties and the New Mexico Municipal League

### Significant Issues

AOC reports that warrants are issued by the courts of New Mexico every year; and that those warrants are entered into various New Mexico criminal information centers by dispatchers throughout the state. AOC further reports that warrants issued by the courts of this state are housed in both consolidated and non-consolidated dispatch centers and that there are considerable differences in how warrants are handled in different parts of the state.

A statewide study on the process of issuance, delivery, entry into the New Mexico criminal information center and service and clearance of warrants could help determine if changes are needed to the way warrants are handled.

### **PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS**

In the long term a study could improve the coordination efforts related to warrants in NM. In the short-term the study could decrease performance of the agencies proposed to be involved in the study due to time taken away from other duties.

### **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

There is no appropriation proposed in the Memorial.

Fiscal implications could be faced by AOC, DPS, NMAC, NMML in providing personnel to participate as needed.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

AOC, DPS, NMAC, NMML could incur administrative costs to provide personnel to participate as needed in the study.

### **OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES**

The Memorial does not specify what the proposed changes should accomplish such as greater cost savings, efficiency, information sharing, parallel processes elimination, coordination between agencies and jurisdiction levels.

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

It is likely that a study will occur related to warrant issuance, delivery, service, housing and entry.

### **POSSIBLE QUESTIONS**

1. What is the desired outcome of the study and what should the proposed changes be attempting to improve, or change?