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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Beffort DATE TYPED 2/14/05 HB _____

SHORT TITLE Additional Adult Probation and Parole Officers SB 770

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APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY05	FY06	FY05	FY06		
	\$1,200.0			Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Response Received From

New Mexico Corrections Department (NMCD)

No Response

Personnel Board (PB)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 770 appropriates \$1,200.0 from the general fund to the New Mexico Corrections Department for the purpose of providing 24 additional full-time adult probation and parole officers.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

NMCD reports an increase in number of probation and parole officers would probably increase the morale and productivity of probation and parole officers.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$1,200.0 contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2006 shall revert to the general fund.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

NMCD reports the administrative impact to the Department will be positive in that the appropriation will probably improve the department's ability to recruit and retain probation and parole officers.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

Relates to Senate Bill 771 and Senate Bill 797. Duplicates Senate Bill 798.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

NMCD reports caseloads for probation and parole officers continue to increase, and are currently between 90-134 offenders per officer. NMCD's 2nd quarter key quarterly performance measure for "number of regular caseloads of probation and parole officers" was 100. Their FY05 target for this performance measure is 77. The national standard is only 65 offenders per officer. According to the U.S. Department of Justice Bureau statistics, New Mexico's probation and parole population growth in percent increase ranked number one in the nation from 1995-2002. NMCD states based on current projections, it appears that the number of probation and parole clients will increase by 12 percent by June 30, 2005. NMCD reports the proposed legislation would reduce the statewide caseload to approximately 82 offenders per officer.

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