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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Carraro DATE TYPED 2/18/05 HB _____

SHORT TITLE Additional State Police and Support Staff SB 805

ANALYST Peery

APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY05	FY06	FY05	FY06		
	\$15,777.2			Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Response Received From
Department of Public Safety

No Response
State Personnel

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 805 appropriates \$15,777,200 from the general fund to Department of Public Safety for the purpose of increasing the number of state police officers and address additional support staff needs associated with the expansion.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

DPS states the long-term effects of an expansion of this nature will provide a positive impact to New Mexico and the performance of the Department.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$15,777,200 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

DPS states the current pay structure is not competitive with certain cities and municipalities. DPS reports this concern is being addressed by the administration and the Legislature. DPS states this is essential if the Department is going to accomplish this mandated expansion. DPS reports to attempt this implementation in one fiscal year is not feasible under existing conditions. DPS also reports the issue of office space for additional administrative support personnel given the limited space available in the Department's central offices.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

DPS reports its recruitment efforts have been impacted negatively due to the Department's inability to offer a competitive pay package. DPS states certain cities and municipalities are able to provide better pay opportunities for well-trained enforcement officers. DPS states the issue is being addressed in the current legislative session. DPS reports it is unlikely and problematic to expect the Department to be able to undertake an expansion of services of this magnitude in one year given the current recruitment issues.

ALTERNATIVES

DPS states an alternative to the proposed legislation is a carefully planned multi-year implementation for the mandated increase in manpower.

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