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ORIGINAL DATE

SPONSOR	Park	**LAST UPDATED**	**HB**	841

SHORT TITLE   2nd Judicial District Document Management   **SB**

ANALYST   McSherry

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY06	**FY07**		
	$1,200.0	Non-Rec	General Fund

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION
LFC Files

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 841, "2nd Judicial District Document Management" appropriates $1,200,000 from the general fund to the 2nd Judicial District Court ($900,000) and Bernalillo County Metropolitan Court ($300,000) for the purpose of funding an electronic document management system (EDMS) in the second judicial district court and to Bernalillo County metropolitan court for "co-ordination with the second judicial district court." The bill specifies that any unexpended or un-encumbered balance at the end of FY 07 shall revert to the general fund and makes funding contingent upon an "approved, detailed project plan that includes electronic document filing and other document management functions." The effective date of the Act would be July 1, 2006.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of $1,200,000 contained in this bill is a nonrecurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2007 shall revert to the general fund.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

This appropriation was included in House Bill 2 during the 2005 Legislative Session and language to extend the appropriation enacted during the 2005 Session is contained in the version of the FY07 General Appropriation Act which passed the House.

This bill appears to replicate the appropriation already received and recommended for extension in the version of House Bill 2 which passed the House.

According to AOC, rollover of the EDMS funds will allow the second judicial district court to proceed with the implementation of an EDMS without rushing to spend $900,000 before the end of FY 06. It will also allow the Bernalillo County metropolitan court time to "coordinate with the second judicial district."

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

The electronic document management system proposed could improve both the efficiency of the courts and allow storage of files, reducing the amount of physical storage necessary for the 2nd Judicial District.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

The appropriation contained in this bill is equivalent in amount and purpose to the amount appropriated for FY06 in House Bill 2; the appropriation is recommended for extension in the version of House Bill 2 which passed the housed.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

The project plan associated with the original appropriation ($1.2 million in the General Appropriations Act was approved by "JIFFY" the Judicial Information Division board responsible for decision-making for the New Mexico Judiciary.

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

If House Bill 841 is not enacted, the appropriation was already appropriated during the 2005 legislative session and has already been recommended for extension in the version of House Bill 2 which passed the House.

POSSIBLE QUESTIONS

1. Is this bill meant to increase the amounts appropriated to the 2nd Judicial District Court and Bernalillo Metropolitan Court, or is it meant to extend the appropriation already received by the agencies.

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