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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 3/16/07

SPONSOR Arnold-Jones LAST UPDATED \_\_\_\_\_ HM 107

SHORT TITLE NM Interoperability Communications Systems SB \_\_\_\_\_

ANALYST Peery-Galon

### APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY07	FY08		
	NFI		

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

No Responses Received From  
 Governor's Office  
 Chief Information Officer  
 Department of Public Safety  
 General Services Department

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

House Memorial 107 requests the governor's Homeland Security Advisor to form a committee to include first responders, the chief information officer, secretary of the Department of Public Safety, secretary of the General Services Department and additional representatives from other sectors of local, tribal, state and federal stakeholder. The committee is to study the interoperability of local, tribal and state emergency communications systems in New Mexico and their interface with federal systems. The Homeland Security Advisor's interoperable communications study committee is to make recommendations to the governor and the legislature regarding resolution of interoperability issues by October 1, 2007.

### SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

Agencies responding to a crisis or disaster can not always communicate quickly and efficiently with one another because many law enforcement, fire and emergency medical agencies operating in New Mexico purchase communication equipment independently of one another that is often incompatible.

**CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP**

House Memorial 107 has a relationship with House Bill 1216.

**OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES**

The Department of Public Safety has an Interoperable Communications Working Group. The statewide Interoperability Communications Working Group has identified each county's needs, gaps and hardware. The Interoperable Communications Working Group has developed a five tiered system that includes the following: (1) normal landline and fax communication; (2) cell, satellite and email via Blackberry; (3) two-way communication on the UHF system; (4) two-way radio communication on the VHF system; and (5) amateur radio operators with mobile stations that have a complete and robust statewide system.

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