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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 1/31/08

SPONSOR Campos LAST UPDATED _____ HB 571

SHORT TITLE Emergency & Disaster Info Management Database SB _____

ANALYST Peery-Galon

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY08	FY09		
	\$840.0	Non-recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY08	FY09	FY10	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
Total		\$0.1	\$0.1	\$0.1	Recurring	General Fund

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SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Department of Health (DOH)

Homeland Security and Emergency Management Department (HSEMD)

No Responses Received From

Department of Finance Administration

Governor's Office

Department of Military Affairs

Association of Counties

New Mexico Municipal League

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 571 appropriates \$840.0 from the general fund to the Homeland Security and Emergency Management Department to develop a coordinated information management database and integrated communications system for use in emergencies, disasters and acts or

terrorism. The database and system is to address all phases of emergency management, support implementation of the national incident management system and provide web access for Guadalupe and De Baca counties by tracking expenditures and resources used during emergencies, disasters or acts of terrorism.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$840.0 contained in this bill is a non-recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2009 shall revert to the general fund.

HSEMD notes the proposed legislation does not address ongoing system maintenance and support costs. As owner of the hardware and application, the Homeland Security and Emergency Management Department would become responsible for those costs.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

DOH reports in order for emergency management to make up-to-date and informed decisions during disasters, accurate, real-time information is critical. The technology allows for information to be collected and shared from the field, emergency operations centers, and other response environments. DOH notes information about the incident can then be evaluated and included in the response plan for implementation in a more expedient fashion.

DOH states the majority of these applications are web-based, which allows for the program to be accessed online through the internet to a remote server that hosts the application. Many recent versions support handheld devices such as the Blackberry and allows for interoperable communication for real-time response purposes. DOH reports the ability to receive and send up to the minute reports improves situational awareness and has the potential to positively impact the health and safety of individuals and communities affected by the incident.

DOH states there are many commercial products available for consideration by emergency management agencies, including E Team, GeoAge, EM 2000, and Web EOC. The Homeland Security and Emergency Management Department is exploring the vendor options for purchasing a Crisis Information Management System for use by the State of New Mexico. DOH is collaborating with Homeland Security and Emergency Management Department in this effort to ensure compatibility of systems to manage emergencies. DOH notes a crisis information management system is an important asset for the state's ability to effectively respond to emergencies. Homeland Security and Emergency Management Department is planning to purchase a commercial application and would apply any appropriated funds toward this effort.

HSEMD states many commercial products are available to provide a coordinated information management database and integrated communications system, including Web EOC. The department is exploring these vendor options for use by the State of New Mexico. HSEMD reports all counties would need to be able to access the system through the web. This may limit the number of eligible systems to purchase if the system did not have the appropriate web-based access. HSEMD notes this might also increase the cost of the system.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

HSEMD states the development and implementation of this system will require competitive procurement.

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