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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 01/26/13

SPONSOR Sanchez, M. LAST UPDATED \_\_\_\_\_ HB \_\_\_\_\_

SHORT TITLE Technology for Children in Car Seats SM 17

ANALYST Chabot

### ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY13	FY14	FY15	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
<b>Total</b>	Minimal					

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

Senate Memorial 17 requests the New Mexico Congressional Delegation encourage automakers to develop technology that would notify drivers if a child is in a car seat before the driver exits the vehicle.

### SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

Approximately 38 children die every year due to heat-related causes after being left in a motor vehicle. Half of these children are under the age of two. Often, these children are left because the driver becomes distracted and forgets they are in the vehicle. A warning system could save lives because the driver would be reminded prior to leaving the vehicle.

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