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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Kernan **ORIGINAL DATE** 02/09/14
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SHORT TITLE 5th Judicial District Crisis Response Team **SB** 279/aSJC

ANALYST Jorgensen

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY14	FY15		
	\$250.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates HB 309

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC)

Administrative Office of the District Attorneys (AODA)

Department of Health (DOH)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of SJC Amendment

The Senate Judiciary Committee amendment to Senate Bill 279 re-directs the appropriation from the AOC to the AODA and specifies that the crisis team will be in Chaves, Eddy, and Lea counties.

Synopsis of Original Bill

Senate Bill 279 appropriates \$250 thousand from the general fund to the fifth judicial district court for the purpose of creating a crisis response team to serve Chaves, Lea, and Eddy counties. The team will include victim advocates, forensic interviewers, therapists, and courthouse dogs.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$250 thousand contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2015 shall revert to the general fund.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The AOC notes that for a crisis team to be established and effectively utilized, an emergency plan would need to be established between the fifth judicial district court and district attorney's office as well as emergency services, law enforcement, and school officials.

The DOH states that the funding for the proposed services may be duplicative of the services provided by the Emergency Medical Systems Bureau which is a crisis support team that provides critical incident stress management interventions if requested by public safety responders or other government employees.

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