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**AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS  
2025 REGULAR SESSION**

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**SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION**

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Check all that apply:  
**Original**        **Amendment**      
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**Date Prepared** 1/17/2025  
**Bill Number:** HOUSE BILL 48

**Sponsor:** Lundstrom  
**Short Title:** LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING AT SOME SCHOOLS

**Agency Name and Code**    DFA-341  
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**SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT**

**APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)**

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY25	FY26		
	\$100	R	Western New Mexico University
	(\$100)	R	Law Enforcement Protection Fund

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

**REVENUE (dollars in thousands)**

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY25	FY26	FY27		

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

	<b>FY25</b>	<b>FY26</b>	<b>FY27</b>	<b>3 Year Total Cost</b>	<b>Recurring or Nonrecurring</b>	<b>Fund Affected</b>
<b>Total</b>						

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Duplicates/Conflicts with/Companion to/Relates to:  
Duplicates/Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act

**SECTION III: NARRATIVE**

**BILL SUMMARY**

**Summary of HOUSE BILL 48 (HB48)**

**Section 1: Amendment to Section 29-13-4 NMSA 1978**

- **Key Change:**
  - Allocates \$100,000 to Western New Mexico University, branch campuses of institutions of higher learning, and state-supported community colleges for certified law enforcement training, from the Law Enforcement Protection Fund (LEPF).

**Section 2: Amendment to Section 29-13-7 NMSA 1978**

- This section outlines the expenditure limitations and control of the distributed funds.
- **Key Changes:**
  - Adds faculty salaries and benefits, instructional materials, and related course expenses for certified law enforcement training at specified institutions to the list of permissible expenditures.

**Section 3: Effective Date**

- The provisions of this act will take effect on July 1, 2025.

**Highlighted Tax Code Changes:**

- **Section 1:**
  - Allocation of \$100,000 for law enforcement training at specified educational institutions.
- **Section 2:**
  - Inclusion of expenses for certified law enforcement training at specified institutions as permissible expenditures.

**FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

- Diverting LEPF to salary and benefits at higher education institutes could potentially diminish the purpose of the fund and the amount of funding that is available for that purpose, to assist law enforcement in reducing crime.

**SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

- Salary and Benefits are currently not an allowable expense in the LEPF for law enforcement officers as this expense is operational and should be budgeted through the

entity's fiscal agent, i.e. county or municipality. Similarly, the faculty salary and benefits at a higher education institute should remain as an expense in their operating budget and not rely on a special fund that was designed to help law enforcement gain the equipment and training needed to reduce crime.

- Because advance law enforcement officer training is an eligible expense the higher education institutions can provide the accredited training course for a per officer cost that covers the training materials and related course expenditures.

## **PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS**

## **ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

## **CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP**

## **TECHNICAL ISSUES**

## **OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES**

## **ALTERNATIVES**

## **WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL**

## **AMENDMENTS**