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AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS - 2025 REGULAR SESSION

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SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION

{Indicate if analysis is on an original bill, amendment, substitute or a correction of a previous bill}

Date Prepared: 01/21/2025 *Check all that apply:*
Bill Number: HB48 Original Correction
 Amendment Substitute

Sponsor: Patricia A. Lundstrom **Agency Name and Code** 790 – Department of Public Safety
Short Title: Law Enforcement Training at Some Schools **Number:** _____
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SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY25	FY26		
NFI	NFI	N/A	N/A

(Parenthesis () indicate expenditure decreases)

REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY25	FY26	FY27		
NFI	Indeterminate but Negative	Indeterminate but Negative	Recurring	DFA LEPPF

(Parenthesis () indicate revenue decreases)

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY25	FY26	FY27	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total	NFI	Indeterminate but Negative	Indeterminate but Negative	Indeterminate but Negative	Recurring	DFA LEPPF

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

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

SECTION III: NARRATIVE

BILL SUMMARY

HB48 proposes amendments to the Law Enforcement Protection Fund to enhance law enforcement training and resources. The bill allocates funding for certified law enforcement training programs at state-supported community colleges and certain institutions of higher learning. Additionally, it increases the distribution rates to municipal, tribal, and university police departments, as well as county sheriff departments, to support law enforcement operations and training.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The Department of Public Safety (DPS) and statewide law enforcement agencies will face negative fiscal implications from this legislation due to the decrease in Law Enforcement Protection Fund (LEPF) funding that will result at the end of each fiscal year. LEPF funding is the primary source of funding for the DPS Law Enforcement Retention Fund authorized in 2024 HB 193 that provides stipends for law enforcement officers across the state based on eligible years-of-service.

In addition, under the existing statute, New Mexico State Police (NMSP) is eligible to receive up to \$2,000,000 annually from the LEPF provided the balance in the fund remains sufficient after all other distributions have been made. The proposed distributions to higher education institutions, however, are also likely to significantly deplete the available balance in the fund, potentially leaving minimal to no funds for NMSP. This reduction poses a substantial risk to NMSP's ability to access its critical allocation, which is essential for maintaining public safety operations statewide.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

DPS's Law Enforcement Retention Fund solely depends on leftover funding annually that comes from LEPF at the end of each fiscal year after all distributions have been made. If the LEPF fund is depleted, DPS will not have sufficient funding to provide annual stipends to law enforcement officers for their years-of-service. The Law Enforcement Retention Fund is currently on the verge of experiencing a lack of funding and all funds from LEPF are necessary to keep the fund alive.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

New Mexico State Police will face significant financial challenges if their allocation is reduced or eliminated. The \$2,000,000 allocation currently supports essential public safety operations, including crime prevention and intervention initiatives, support for local law enforcement agencies, and the provision of operational resources to effectively combat crime. Without this funding, NMSP's capacity to carry out these critical activities will be severely diminished, leading to a reduction in public safety measures across the state.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

No administrative implications to DPS.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

No conflict, duplication, companionship or relationship to DPS.

TECHNICAL ISSUES

No technical issues to DPS.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

No other substantive issues to DPS.

ALTERNATIVES

None proposed by DPS.

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

Status quo will remain.

AMENDMENTS

None at this time.