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AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS - 2025 REGULAR SESSION

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SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION
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Date Prepared: 1/22/25
Bill Number: HB 48

Check all that apply:
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Sponsor: Representative Patricia Lundstrom

Short Title: Law Enforcement Training at Some Schools

Agency Name and Code Number: University of New Mexico-952

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SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY25	**FY26**		
$100,000	$100,000	Recurring	Law Enforcement Protection Fund

(Parenthesis ( ) indicate expenditure decreases)

REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY25	**FY26**	**FY27**		
0	0	**$33,810-$37,432.50**	Recurring	I&G

(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	$100,000	$400,000	$150,000	$650,000	$150,000	Law Enforcement Protection Fund and

						I&G

(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

Synopsis: HB 48 proposes to amend the Law Enforcement Protection Fund (LEPF) to add Western New Mexico university, branch campuses of institutions of higher learning enumerated in Article 12, Section 11 of the constitution of New Mexico and state-supported community colleges that offer law enforcement training certified by the academy to the distribution list of the LEPF. The distribution amount for these school would be $100,000 which is allowed to cover faculty salaries and benefits, instructional materials and related course expenses.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

With the help of the funding proposed in this bill, UNM-Gallup estimates that in FY25 the $100,000 provided would be able to cover the cost of hiring a director/professor for the program. For FY26, UNM-Gallup believes that they would need to expand the amount of funding they would receive/cover through I&G funding, to around to $400,000. This amount would cover the director/professor's salary and benefits, instructional materials, and other items or indivduals to help with the program, like an adjunct faculty member. If the bill was to become law, in FY27 UNM Gallup predicts that they would receive approximately $33,810-$37,432.50 in tuition revenue that could help sustain the law enforcement training program.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES –

Rural New Mexico communities, including Gallup, have significant public safety concerns. There are high vacancy rates in rural police departments which contribute to these concerns. Currently cadets must travel long distances and be away from families for extended periods of time to complete law enforcement training, negatively impacting recruitment and retention. One of the closest training programs is located in Albuquerque, a two hour one way trip.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS –

Currently there is no law enforcement academy in Gallup, NM. UNM-Gallup is seeking recurring funding to operate a police academy on its campus. Funding is needed to start and maintain the program, including faculty salaries, benefits and instructional costs. If passed, HB 48 would allow UNM-Gallup to start a law enforcement training program on their campus to grow their own law enforcement for Gallup and surrounding communities. UNM-Gallup currently has space on their campus to accommodate the program.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS:

The program curriculum will have to be approved by the participating college and NMHED. The program will also have to be certified by the Santa Fe Law Enforcement Academy. A program director and faculty will need to be hired.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

Police academies exist primarily in urban areas in New Mexico, with a few being located in rural areas. Funding sources vary by location. There are no police academies between Silver City and Farmington NM on the western side of the state.

TECHNICAL ISSUES

None known.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

Currently, UNM-Los Alamos, UNM-Valencia, and UNM-Taos do not have law enforcement training programs at their campuses. This funding may be used in the future to establish such programs at these campuses, but as of time of writing this FIR, these campuses do not plan to establish a program.

ALTERNATIVES

None known.

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

Rural communities, including Gallup, NM will continue to have public safety concerns and a shortage of police officers. Additionally, any individual who would like to attend law enforcement training would need to travel great distances to receive the training.

AMENDMENTS

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