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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: _____ *Check all that apply:*
Bill Number: HB 192 Original Correction
 Amendment Substitute

Sponsor: Hernandez, Nava, Cullen, Block, **Agency Name**
 Cates **and Code** 995 NMC
Short Title: DIGITAL TRUNKED RADIO SYSTEM SUBSCRIBER FEES **Number:** _____
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SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY25	FY26		

(Parenthesis () indicate expenditure decreases)

REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY25	FY26	FY27		

(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						

(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:

The Department of Information Technology (DoIT) rule in statute requires users of their communications system to pay a fee of \$20 per radio per month. Many agencies in the State are not able to afford this cost for their public safety personnel. Therefore, they cannot join the system and they lose the interoperability with partner agencies for their communities. The bill would, in theory, allow for all public safety agencies in NM to join onto a common communications system for interoperability thereby improving a critical function during high acuity call types and instances where mutual aid is required.

HB192 requires the Department of Information Technology (DoIT) to provide a written report to the legislative finance committee each December regarding the subscriber fees for the digital trunked radio communications system.

The Bill provides an appropriation of \$2.8 million from the general fund to the Department of Information Technology to offset the subscriber fees for public safety agencies in NM.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

Note: major assumptions underlying fiscal impact should be documented.

The bill requires \$2.8 million for fiscal year 2026, and subsequent fiscal years to fund the subscriber fees for public safety. This reoccurring cost however, will likely need to be increased as more users join the system. The DoIT report to the legislative finance committee would need to include these future costs to ensure the funding of the subscriber fee payments continues. For FY25, DoIT already is anticipating a cost of \$3.1 million.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The language in the bill provides support for municipal, county and tribal public safety agencies. It does not include other agencies that may provide public safety components who would benefit from being included and having interoperability.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

TECHNICAL ISSUES

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

ALTERNATIVES

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

If the bill does NOT move forward, local agencies may have to attempt to budget for this cost resulting in a reduction of funding for other programs. Other agencies will not be able to continue using the system and the concept of interoperability will be lost. This will result in significant challenges for public safety agencies to communicate during high acuity call types such as large wildland fires or active shooter type situations.

AMENDMENTS