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**AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS
2015 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}

Check all that apply:

Original **Amendment**
Correction **Substitute**

Date 02/09/2015
Bill No: SB447

Sponsor: Joseph Cervantes **Agency Code:** 350
Short Title: Emergency Broadcasters & Equipment Access **Person Writing:** John Wheeler, Chief Counsel
Title: Equipment Access **Phone:** 827-6336 **Email:** jwheeler@nmag.gov

SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY15	FY16		

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY15	FY16	FY17		

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY15	FY16	FY17	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: Senate Bill 447 proposes to enact a new section to Chapter 12, Article 10 to deal with first informer broadcasters, their training and access to critical equipment.

The proposed legislation would allow the Homeland Security and Emergency Management Department to voluntarily and permissively coordinate with outside entities such as broadcasting associations or a cable or telecommunication association in order to develop comprehensive, coordinated plans for allowing for the creation of an individual or individuals to be known as first informer broadcasters.

The bill provides for training and knowledge requirements for the first informer broadcaster.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

N/A.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The most significant issues presented by the proposed legislation are the permissive involvement of the New Mexico Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, and the provision in the bill that requires, “to the extent practicable and consistent in not endangering public safety or inhibiting recovery efforts,” as a preliminary statement regarding allowing access of first informer broadcasters into an area where a disaster or an emergency has occurred.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

N/A.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

N/A.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

The bill does not bear any conflict, duplication, companionship, or relationship to any other bills of which we are currently aware.

TECHNICAL ISSUES

None noted.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

None noted.

ALTERNATIVES

None proposed.

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

Status quo.

AMENDMENTS

None.