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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 1-28-09

SPONSOR Tripp LAST UPDATED \_\_\_\_\_ HB 125

SHORT TITLE Socorro Spay & Neuter Program SB \_\_\_\_\_

ANALYST Aubel

### APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY09	FY10		
	\$25.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

#### Responses Received From

Board of Veterinary Medicine (BVM)

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 125 appropriates \$25 thousand from the general fund to the Local Government Division of the Department of Finance and Administration for a spay and neuter program for the Socorro animal shelter.

### FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$25 thousand contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY10 shall revert to the general fund.

According to the December 2008 revenue estimate, FY10 recurring revenue will only support a base expenditure level that is \$293 million, or 2.6 percent, less than the FY09 appropriation. All appropriations outside of the general appropriation act will be viewed in this declining revenue context.

**SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

According to the Board of Veterinary Medicine, the explosion in the pet population of New Mexico has put a strain on the local governments animal control and sheltering services. A spay/neuter program is a mechanism to reduce the unwanted pet population. According to BVM, providing these services would reduce the load on local government and may improve the risk of public health issues surrounding an over-population of pets.

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

The Socorro animal shelter will not be able to provide spay/neuter services that would otherwise be funded unless alternative source of revenues is found. Unwanted animal population may increase.

**POSSIBLE QUESTIONS**

1. What is the average population of the shelter?
2. Has the shelter had prior spay/neuter programs?
3. If so, how successful has the program been?

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