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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Shendo ORIGINAL DATE _____
LAST UPDATED 02/03/15 HB _____
SHORT TITLE Outdoor Recreation and Wildlife Volunteers SB 231
ANALYST Sanogo

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY15	FY16	FY17	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total	NFI	NFI	NFI			

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Game and Fish Department (DGF)

SUMMARY

SB 231 amends the general duties of the state game commission (Section 17-1-14 NMSA 1978 Subsection B), providing the commission with the authority to adopt rules to recruit and train volunteers for activities administered by the Game and Fish Department (DGF).

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

No fiscal impacts.

DGF reports that the minimal fiscal implications of SB 231 can be absorbed into its current operating budget.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

Regarding SB 231, DGF suggests that the use of volunteers has the potential to increase outreach, education and conservation activities that could not otherwise be accomplished due to limited department resources, or the inability to increase the department workforce during critical events.

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