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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

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LAST UPDATED _____ HB _____
SHORT TITLE NM-Grown Produce in Senior Centers SB 185
ANALYST Klundt

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY21	FY22		
	\$250.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 185 (SB185) appropriates \$250 thousand from the general fund to the Aging and Long Term Services Department (ALTSD) for the purpose of purchasing New Mexico grown fruits and vegetables for the senior center meal programs.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$250 thousand contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY22 shall revert to the general fund.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

A pilot project for purchasing New Mexico grown fruits and vegetables for the senior center meal programs was implemented in FY20 in which three senior service programs were contracted to purchase New Mexico grown fruits and vegetables and include them in the senior meals. This bill would expand the pilot project. ALTSD reported fresh fruits and vegetables are necessary in keeping New Mexico seniors healthy.

In a similar bill in during the 2020 regular legislative session, ALTSD reported the pilot project included Sandoval County, \$18,255; Socorro County, \$8,690; and San Juan County, \$18,255. Each program had to work in the produce based on menus that had been submitted months in advance for approval for meeting one-third the required daily intake standards for seniors. The cost on meals averaged approximately \$4: the pilot provided the programs 79 cents for vegetables and fruits for the meal (which they will substitute for a fruit and vegetable from their approved menus). The agency estimated the pilot served 57.2 thousand meals..

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