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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

BILL NUMBER: House Bill 114

SHORT TITLE: Expand Double Up Food Bucks Pgm

SPONSOR: Dow/Lujan/Wilson/Armstrong/Woods

LAST ORIGINAL
UPDATE: _____ **DATE:** 1/27/26 **ANALYST:** Jorgensen

APPROPRIATION*
(dollars in thousands)

FY26	FY27	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
	\$1,000.0	Recurring	General Fund

*Amounts reflect most recent analysis of this legislation.

Sources of Information

LFC Files

Agency or Agencies Providing Analysis
New Mexico Department of Agriculture

SUMMARY

Synopsis of House Bill 114

House Bill 114 (HB114) appropriates \$1 million from the general fund to the New Mexico Department of Agriculture (NMDA) for the purpose of increasing funding to the double up food bucks program for the purchase of meat, nuts, eggs and fresh fruits and vegetables at New Mexico farmers markets.

This bill does not contain an effective date and, as a result, would go into effect 90 days after the Legislature adjourns, which is May 20, 2026.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$1 million contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY27 shall revert to the general fund.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The New Mexico Department of Agriculture reports:

The double up food bucks (DUFb) program doubles the value of SNAP benefits when used to purchase New Mexico grown foods at participating farmers' markets, farm stands, mobile markets, community supported agriculture (CSAs), and participating grocery stores in 27 counties. In 2025, approximately 460,000 New Mexico residents, representing 21 percent of the state's population, received SNAP funds; the highest share in the nation.

NMDA will allocate existing operational resources to support DUFb. NMDA receives an annual (recurring) appropriation from the general fund of \$1,000.0 to support DUFb. HB114 would add an additional \$1,000.0 appropriation in FY27. The significant difference between HB114 and previous DUFb appropriations is the allowance of other foods (meat, eggs, nuts), rather than limiting purchases to solely fresh fruits and vegetables.

Since 2015, NMDA's partner in managing DUFb has been the New Mexico farmers' marketing association (NMFMA). NMFMA reports that state and private funding for DUFb is used to satisfy required matching funds for the United States department of agriculture's (USDA's) national institute of food and agriculture (NIFA) grants under the federal farm bill. Federal funding leveraged by NMFMA for SNAP DUFb totaled \$2,500.0 in 2025 [including] \$800.0 thousand annual [and an additional] one-time \$1,700.0 special make America healthy again appropriation.

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