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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

BILL NUMBER: Senate Bill 168

SHORT TITLE: Estancia Wind Turbine Blade Recycling

SPONSOR: Sens. Stefanics and Thornton and Reps. Gonzales and Lord

LAST ORIGINAL
UPDATE: _____ **DATE:** 1/29/2026 **ANALYST:** Hernandez

APPROPRIATION* (dollars in thousands)

FY26	FY27	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
	\$150.0	Nonrecurring	General Fund

*Amounts reflect most recent analysis of this legislation.

Sources of Information

LFC Files

Agency or Agencies That Were Asked for Analysis but did not Respond
Department of Finance and Administration

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Choose an item.

Senate Bill 168 (SB168) appropriates \$150 thousand from the general fund to the local government division at the Department of Finance and Administration for the purpose of the Estancia Valley Solid Waste Authority to plan and design a recycling site for wind turbine blades.

The effective date of this bill is July 1, 2026.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$150 thousand contained in this bill is a nonrecurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY27 shall revert to the general fund.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

Wind turbines are difficult to recycle and take up significant space in landfills in Wyoming, Iowa, South Dakota, and Texas. Recycling wind turbines could potentially serve as a new industry in New Mexico.

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