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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

**BILL NUMBER:** Senate Bill 197

**SHORT TITLE:** Raton Animal Shelter Services

**SPONSOR:** Campos

**LAST UPDATE:** \_\_\_\_\_      **ORIGINAL DATE:** 2/6/2026      **ANALYST:** Hernandez

### APPROPRIATION\* (dollars in thousands)

FY26	FY27	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
	2,500.0	Recurring	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 Senate Bill 197

Senate Bill 197 (SB197) appropriates \$2.5 million from the general fund to the Department of Finance and Administration for the purpose of expanding spay and neuter programs at the Raton animal shelter, as well as making improvements to the shelter.

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 \$2.5 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.

Although SB197 does not specify future appropriations, establishing new spay and neuter programs could create an expectation the program will continue in future fiscal years; therefore, this cost is assumed to be recurring.

## **SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

Spaying and neutering animals often increases the animal's lifespan by approximately 20 percent. It also reduces strain on the animal welfare system.

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