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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Morales **ORIGINAL DATE** 01/24/14
LAST UPDATED 02/14/14 **HB** _____

SHORT TITLE Trophy Poaching Education and Awareness Day **SM** 14/aSJC

ANALYST Sandoval

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY14	FY15		
NFI	NFI		

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

SUMMARY

Synopsis of SJC Amendment

The Senate Judiciary Committee amendment to Senate Memorial 14 strikes the word “~~hunters~~” and inserts “the population” and “individuals” to make clear that Trophy Poaching can be committed by anyone, and is not limited to hunters. The amendment also makes a grammatical correction to coincide with the new changes.

Synopsis of Original Bill

Senate Memorial 14 requests that the governor declare a Trophy Poaching Awareness Day in recognition of the need for increased penalties for and education about trophy poaching.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

No fiscal impact.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

Trophy poaching is the act of illegally killing an animal for the most valuable part of its body, and then leaving the rest to waste. This type of poaching is increasing in New Mexico and causing damage to big game animal populations.

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Existing penalties do not effectively deter trophy poaching, and more public education is needed regarding the harm it causes and the need for greater enforcement.

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