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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR: Regensberg DATE TYPED: 03/03/03 HB 360/aHAGC

SHORT TITLE: Inspection of Slaughtered Livestock SB \_\_\_\_\_

ANALYST: Valenzuela

### APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY03	FY04	FY03	FY04		
	\$200.0			Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act for the Meat Inspection Program of the New Mexico Livestock Board.

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

- *Report of the Legislative Finance Committee to the Forty-sixth Legislature, First Session, January 2003 for Fiscal Year 2003 – 2004, pp. 387 – 389.*

New Mexico Livestock Board

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of HAGC Amendment

The House Agriculture and Water Resources Committee (HAGC) amendment to House Bill 360 increases the general fund appropriation to \$200.0 and expands the purpose for the funding to animal health activities, particularly those to protect homeland security and to prevent reportable diseases that could adversely impact the economy.

#### Synopsis of Original Bill

House Bill 360 appropriates \$100.0 from the general fund to the New Mexico Livestock Board for the purpose of performing inspections of slaughtered livestock and game animals.

Significant Issues

The New Mexico Livestock Board is organized into three programs: the Livestock Inspection program, the Meat Inspection program, and the Administration program. The program likely to receive and use the appropriation would be the Meat Inspection Program. This program inspects fresh meat processing plants throughout the state. These plants slaughter and process livestock and game animals. The Livestock Board reports that the Meat Inspection program does not inspect game animals unless requested and paid for by the processor.

**FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

The appropriation of \$100.0 contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2004 shall revert to the general fund.

The LFC recommendation for the Meat Inspection program totals \$918.7, which includes \$450.3 from the general fund, \$450.4 from federal funds, and \$18.0 from other state funds. This recommendation also includes language that requires the agency to obtain matching federal funds for each general fund dollar appropriated. The appropriation in House Bill 360 would likely fall within that requirement.

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