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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Thomson ORIGINAL DATE 01/29/14
LAST UPDATED _____ HB 119
SHORT TITLE Check Animals Rejected for Human Consumption SB _____
ANALYST Martinez

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY14	FY15	FY16	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total		Unknown				

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to HB 121

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

New Mexico Livestock Board (NMLB)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 119 would enact new sections in the Livestock Code to require the New Mexico Livestock Board to identify and monitor animals that have been rejected for slaughter for human consumption at the Mexican border.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

See narrative below.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

To comply with the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) transportation inspection regulations and requirements, NMLB already inspects all livestock rejected for deportation to Mexico. Where the NMLB has concerns over the bills language is the terms “identify” and “monitor” when relating to the animals that have been rejected.

NMLB does not have the authority or capability to determine the intended use of livestock crossing into Mexico, making it difficult to identify those destined for slaughter for human consumption. Also unclear is the duration the NMLB must monitor the rejected animals. Nor, estimate the costs associated with this task.

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NMLB states that there are various reasons for an animal to be “rejected” at the Mexican border. Those reasons are not limited to issues related to slaughter for human consumption, and there is no way for NMLB inspectors to know all of those reasons.

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