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**AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS
2024 REGULAR SESSION**

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SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION

{Indicate if analysis is on an original bill, amendment, substitute or a correction of a previous bill}

Check all that apply:

Original **Amendment**
Correction **Substitute**

Date February 2, 2024

Bill No: SB 37CS

Sponsor: Senate Judiciary Committee
Substitute
State Meat Inspection Program

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SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY24	FY25		
0	0	0	

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY24	FY25	FY26		
0	0	0		

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY24	FY25	FY26	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total	0	\$96.8	\$96.8	\$193.6		

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates/Conflicts with/Companion to/Relates to:
Duplicates/Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act

SECTION III: NARRATIVE

BILL SUMMARY

Synopsis: The Senate Judiciary Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 37 (SB 37CS) authorizes the creation of a State Meat Inspection Program to ensure the safety and quality of meat for human consumption and provides for penalties. The New Mexico Livestock Board (NMLB) shall adopt rules necessary to establish a comprehensive state meat inspection program for the inspection, processing, and sale of meat and poultry products that meet or exceed the standards and requirements for a state meat inspection program under the Federal Meat Inspection Act, the Federal Poultry Products Inspection Act and the Federal Humane Methods of Slaughter Act of 1978. In addition, SB 37CS recognizes that the NMLB shall only administer and enforce the program if the board receives approval from the federal government for a state meat inspection program.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

If the authority is established by the NMLB to administer the State Meat Inspection Program, NMED and NMLB will need to address jurisdictional roles between agencies specifically related to the processing of meat products.

NMED is not identified to receive additional funding to assist in addressing environmental and sanitary concerns or to work with the NMLB to clarify jurisdictional requirements for meat processing. A potential workload for NMED stemming from the implementation of SB 37CS would require at least 1 FTE at an annual expense of \$96,760.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

If granted approval by the federal government, SB 37CS authorizes NMLB to establish a meat inspection program that will enforce and carry out the provisions of the Act. NMED will need to consult and advise NMLB on the environmental and sanitary conditions of establishments engaged in the slaughter of meat and poultry or the preparation of meat products.

Currently, NMED's food rule, 7.6.2 NMAC, does not address food safety standards for slaughter facilities.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

None.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

None.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

NMED, through its food rule, 7.6.2 NMAC, requires a food manufacturer permit issued by the department for facilities producing a food product containing meat. SB 37CS gives authority to NMLB to inspect and permit food establishments to process meat products.

TECHNICAL ISSUES

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

ALTERNATIVES

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

AMENDMENTS