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**AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS
2024 REGULAR SESSION**

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SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION

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Check all that apply:

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

Date Jan 19, 2024

Bill No: *SB51

Sponsor: Pirtle
Meat Inspection Act

Agency Name and Code NMED-667
Number: _____

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SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY24	FY25		

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY24	FY25	FY26		

(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		\$161.4	\$107.6	\$269.0	Recurring	NMED Operating Fund

(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: Senate Bill 51 (SB51) directs the Board of Regents of New Mexico State University (NMSU), through New Mexico Livestock Board (NMLB) to develop and administer a state meat inspection program with all necessary rules for ensuring that food safety meets or exceeds the standards and requirements for a state meat inspection program under the Federal Meat Inspection Act.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

NMED would require 1.5 FTE in inspector, administrative and Attorney roles to provide the necessary support to NMLB and to respond to cases requiring investigation and enforcement. NMED is estimating \$161,400 for FY25. Once the authority is established by the NMLB and the agencies address jurisdictional roles, the projected FTE required would be reduced to 1.0 FTE, \$107,600, in FY26 and subsequent years.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

SB51 does not provide funding to NMED to address support functions the department will be responsible for in assisting the NMLB in administering a state meat inspection program. NMED will need to ensure and be responsible for water potability, proper wastewater disposal and supporting sanitary conditions to protect public health under the food rule 7.6.2 NMAC.

NMED's current food rule, 7.6.2 NMAC, is designed to address the hazards found in restaurants and manufactured food facilities and may not address hazards that are specific to meat and poultry processing facilities.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

NMED does not have the staff that would fulfill the requirements of this bill if passed by the Legislature and signed by the Governor unless a recurring general fund appropriation is included.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

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. SB51 gives the authority to the NMLB to administer a state meat inspection program.

TECHNICAL ISSUES

If SB51 is enacted, the NMLB and NMED will need to work to establish clear jurisdictional roles of both agencies regarding the further processing or manufacturing of meat products.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

ALTERNATIVES

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

AMENDMENTS