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AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS - 2026 REGULAR SESSION**WITHIN 24 HOURS OF BILL POSTING, UPLOAD ANALYSIS TO****[AgencyAnalysis.nmlegis.gov](https://agencyanalysis.nmlegis.gov) and email to billanalysis@dfa.nm.gov*****(Analysis must be uploaded as a PDF)*****SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION***{Indicate if analysis is on an original bill, amendment, substitute or a correction of a previous bill}***Date Prepared:** 01/22/2026*Check all that apply:***Bill Number:** HB 51Original ☐ Correction ☐Amendment ☒ Substitute ☐**Sponsor:** Jenifer Jones and Kathleen Cates
Spay and Neuter Program**Agency Name
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SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT**APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)**

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY26	FY27		
N/A	N/A		

REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY26	FY27	FY28		

(Parenthesis () indicate revenue decreases)

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY26	FY27	FY28	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total	N/A	N/A	N/A			

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SECTION III: NARRATIVE

BILL SUMMARY

Synopsis:

HB 51 is to delay repeal of the spay and neuter program fee.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The State of New Mexico is in desperate need of these funds to help with the overpopulation of cats and dogs in all areas of NM. This is a very important program for our state.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The Board of Veterinary Medicine and the State of NM has an overpopulation of cats and dogs, and this program is very important to all residents of NM. Affordable spay/neuter programs are crucial to control the stray populations. Without this funding, the shelters would be overfull, and this would mean that more animals would have to be euthanized daily.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

None for the Board of Veterinary Medicine

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

None for the Board of Veterinary Medicine

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

None for the Board of Veterinary Medicine

TECHNICAL ISSUES

None for the Board of Veterinary Medicine

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

None for the Board of Veterinary Medicine

ALTERNATIVES

None for the Board of Veterinary Medicine

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

If this bill sunsets it would hurt these vital services required throughout NM. We need to make sure that this bill is ongoing for a very long time as it is desperately needed for the overpopulation of the animals in NM.

AMENDMENTS