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AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS - 2026 REGULAR SESSION

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[AgencyAnalysis.nmlegis.gov](https://www.legis.state.nm.us/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: 01/29/2026

Check all that apply:

Bill Number: SB 63Original Correction Amendment Substitute

Sponsor: Craig W. Brandt & Steve D. Lanier
County dog and cat spay and neuter subaccount.

Agency Name and Code Number: NM Board of Veterinary Medicine 47900

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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		
N/A	N/A	N/A		

(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:

SB 63 was created to provide funding for projects that support the welfare of domestic cats and dogs.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The State of New Mexico is in desperate need of any funding that 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 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. There is an overpopulation of dogs on NM tribal lands, particularly the Navajo Nation, and it is a critical public health and safety crisis. This issue causes the spread of diseases like rabies, frequent dog attacks and livestock damage. These animals are strays or abandoned, facing very harsh conditions with a life expectancy of only two (2) years.

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

This bill is crucial to support the welfare of domestic dogs and cats. 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. Controlling the overpopulation of stray and abandoned dogs and cats will also improve the threat it poses to public safety. Also, providing shelter and care for animals that are suspected of being cruelly treated is a gesture of humanity, and these animals will require rehabilitation through patience, routine, and positive reinforcement. A loving environment is required for recovery.

AMENDMENTS