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**AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS
2026 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}

Click all that apply:

Original **Amendment**
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Date Prepared: 2026-01-23
Bill No: SB79

Sponsor: Tobiassen, Nicole
MOSQUITO
Short Title: SURVEILLANCE

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SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY26	FY27		
N/A	2,000.0	Nonrecurring, unspent money after FY28 reverts.	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

Estimated Revenue	Recurring	
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FY26	FY27	FY28	or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure 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	N/A	N/A	N/A

(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

Senate Bill (SB79) requests an appropriation from the General Fund to the New Mexico Department of Health (NMDOH) for mosquito surveillance, prevention, and migration.

The New Mexico Higher Education Department's (NMHED's) analysis of this bill focuses on the higher education implications of the proposed legislation. Additional insight may be obtained from other agencies' analyses.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

SB79 appropriates two million dollars (\$2,000,000) from the General Fund for expenditure in FY27 and FY28. NMDOH may use up to one million five hundred thousand dollars (\$1,500,000) to provide grants to local governments and New Mexico public colleges and universities, enumerated in Article 12, Section 11 of the constitution of New Mexico. Any unexpended balance remaining at the end of FY28 will revert to the General Fund.N

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

Mosquito mitigation is an important public health issue. For example, mosquitos are the primary vector for west Nile Virus, which is endemic in New Mexico. Mitigation can also help prevent severe neurological conditions like encephalitis and meningitis. A couple of universities in New Mexico have active research programs in mosquito research:

- New Mexico State University has active programs in the College of Agricultural, Consumer, and Environmental Sciences; Hansen Molecular Vector Physiology (MVP) Lab; Pesticide Safety Education Program; and Veterinary Entomology Research Laboratory.
- The University of New Mexico focuses on the medical and global health aspects of mosquito-borne diseases in their Center for Global Health and in their School of Medicine.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

NMDOH will set up the grant requirements and evaluation processes for awarding the funding.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

If SB79 passes, NMDOH will be responsible for the management of the funding and over-site of entities being awarded funds for mosquito surveillance, prevention, and migration in FY27 and FY28.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

N/A

TECHNICAL ISSUES

N/A

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

N/A

ALTERNATIVES

N/A

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

If SB79 were not to pass, NMDOH will not award grants for mosquito surveillance, prevention, and mitigation projects in FY27 and FY28.

AMENDMENTS

N/A