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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}

Date Prepared: 2/11/2026 *Check all that apply:*
Bill Number: SM 25 Original Correction
 Amendment Substitute

Sponsor: Senator Stefanics **Agency Name and Code** Dept. of Game and Fish - 516
Short Study NM Dahl Sheep **Number:** _____
Title: _____ **Person Writing** Michael Sloane
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SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY26	FY27		
0	0	NA	NA

REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY26	FY27	FY28		
0	0	0	NA	NA

(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	Unknown	Unknown	0	0	NA	198 – Game Protection Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates/Conflicts with/Companion to/Relates to: None known
Duplicates/Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act: None known

SECTION III: NARRATIVE

BILL SUMMARY

Synopsis:

The Memorial requests that the department of game and fish conduct a historical study on the sheep described by Mr. Chavez y Gilbert as livestock brought to the territory in the 1500s and now referred to as "New Mexico Dahl heritage sheep". Further the Department is requested to report its findings on whether the sheep are of historical importance to New Mexico and its recommendations on management and preservation of the sheep to the appropriate interim legislative committee by October 15, 2026

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS An exact impact is difficult to assess but at a minimum personnel time and other resources would be required to complete the requested study.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES The requested study is beyond the jurisdiction of the Department of Game and Fish as the referenced "New Mexico dahl sheep" are domestic livestock not wildlife.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS None known

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS None known

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP None known

TECHNICAL ISSUES None known

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES None known

ALTERNATIVES None known

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

The Department would not complete the requested historical study.

AMENDMENTS None known