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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

BILL NUMBER: Senate Bill 46

SHORT TITLE: Explore Diversion of Organic Waste

SPONSOR: Campos

LAST ORIGINAL
UPDATE: _____ **DATE:** 1/22/2026 **ANALYST:** Davidson

APPROPRIATION* (dollars in thousands)

FY26	FY27	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
	\$130	Nonrecurring	General Fund

*Amounts reflect most recent analysis of this legislation.

Sources of Information

LFC Files

Agency or Agencies That Were Asked for Analysis but did not Respond

New Mexico Environment Department

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Senate Bill 46

Senate Bill 46 (SB46) appropriates \$130 thousand from the general fund to the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) for the purpose of exploring different methods of pollution reduction and cost-saving opportunities resulting from the diversion of organic waste from a solid waste stream. The bill also asks for NMED to conduct a study of waste characteristics, assessing the current types and quantities of solid waste, organic waste, and composting feed stock.

The bill requires NMED to report this study to the appropriate legislative committee before June 30th, 2027.

This bill does not contain an effective date and, as a result, would go into effect 90 days after the Legislature adjourns, which is May 20, 2026.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$130 thousand contained in this bill is a nonrecurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY27 shall revert to the general fund.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The implementation of the bill, including the requested study of the state's solid waste and organic waste diversion capabilities, could exceed the \$130 thousand outlined in the bill due to the potential scope of work, which may require contracted support to evaluate all of the state's solid waste streams. Additionally, the study would likely fall to NMED's Solid and Hazardous Waste Bureaus, both of whom have faced recruitment and retention issues. This could lead to delayed implementation of the study and publication to the appropriate interim legislative committee.

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