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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 1-20-06

SPONSOR     Martinez     LAST UPDATED                      HB     HJM 13    

SHORT TITLE     Spay and Neuter Awareness Month     SB                                     

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### APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY06	FY07		
	(\$.1)	Recurring	Various

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Joint Memorial

House Joint Memorial 13 establishes the month of June as Spay and Neuter Awareness Month in the state of New Mexico. This legislation is needed in order to increase spaying and neutering of both companion as well as homeless animals throughout the State due to the high number of actual unwanted offspring as well as the associated costs involved with euthanasia of these animals (estimated at \$15 million last year).

### FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

While there is not a specified level of funding for this joint memorial, it should be noted that this joint memorial mentions the need for an unspecified level of funding to provide spaying neutering service to low-income families in the State.

### SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

In the past, spaying and neutering campaigns have served to reduce both the numbers as well as the associated costs of euthenizing

**WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL**

Failure to enact this legislation can result in additional future costs associated with the euthanasia of unwanted companion and homeless animals as well as costs associated with their capture and maintenance.

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