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SHORT TITLE Study Elk Depredation **SM** 109

ANALYST Jorgensen

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY18	FY19	FY20	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total	$25.0	$75.0		$100.0	Nonrecurring	Game Protection Fund

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Memorial 109 requests the Department of Game and Fish to conduct a study on the social and economic impacts of elk depredation in New Mexico and report findings to the appropriate legislative committee by October 31, 2018. The memorial further requests the Department to cooperate with private land owners and use its authority under current law to minimize the social and economic impacts of elk depredation.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The Department estimates costs of hiring a contract economist and sociologist to conduct the study to be $100 thousand. However, the Department has a depredation and nuisance abatement program which exists to work with land owners to mitigate depredation. The use of existing Department resources could reduce the fiscal estimated by the Department.

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