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**AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS  
2024 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}*

*Check all that apply:*

**Original**     **Amendment**      
**Correction**     **Substitute**   

**Date** 1/19/2024  
**Bill No:** HB 164

<b>Sponsor:</b>	<u>Reps. Armstrong, Terrazas, Jones, and Jaramillo</u>	<b>Agency Name and Code</b>	<u>Dept. of game and Fish/516</u>
<b>Short Title:</b>	<u>Livestock Wolf Compensation Program</u>	<b>Number:</b>	<u></u>
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**SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT**

**APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)**

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY24	FY25		
NA	9,000.00	Nonrecurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

**REVENUE (dollars in thousands)**

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY24	FY25	FY26		
NA	NA	NA	NA	NA

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

**ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)**

	<b>FY24</b>	<b>FY25</b>	<b>FY26</b>	<b>3 Year Total Cost</b>	<b>Recurring or Nonrecurring</b>	<b>Fund Affected</b>
<b>Total</b>	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates/Conflicts with/Companion to/Relates to: SB 26  
Duplicates/Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act: None

**SECTION III: NARRATIVE**

**BILL SUMMARY**

Synopsis:

The bill appropriates \$9.0 million from the General Fund to the Regents of New Mexico State University for expenditure in fiscal years 2025 through 2027 for the New Mexico Department of Agriculture to implement its existing livestock Mexican wolf compensation program contract with the County Livestock Loss Authority established by Catron county, Sierra county and Socorro county. The funds would be used to supplement an existing Federal compensation program for impacts to livestock of the Federally endangered Mexican gray wolf. State funds would only be used upon the exhaustion of the Federal funds.

Compensation would be paid for confirmed and probable losses including both direct and indirect losses. Loss determinations would be made by the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service Wildlife Services Investigator, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Field Team, or a County or Tribal Investigator qualified in wildlife predator investigations. Compensation would be at fair market value as determined quarterly by New Mexico State University. The fair market value determination shall be published on a separate page of the New Mexico Department of Agriculture’s publicly accessible web page. Files related to the program shall be held by either the County Livestock Loss Authority or the New Mexico Department of Agriculture and made publicly available.

Any unexpended or unencumbered balance at the end of fiscal year 2027 shall revert to the General Fund

**FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

None at this time.

**SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

None at this time.

**PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS**

None at this time.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

None at this time.

## **CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP**

None at this time.

## **TECHNICAL ISSUES**

None at this time.

## **OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES**

None at this time.

## **ALTERNATIVES**

None at this time.

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

The New Mexico Department of Agriculture would continue to administer the existing Federal livestock loss compensation program.

## **AMENDMENTS**