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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 January 16, 2024

Bill No: HM002

Sponsor: Joanne Ferrary

**Agency Name
and Code
Number:**

Aging and Long – Term Services
Department – 62400

NEW MEXICO FOOD AND
FARMS DAY

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SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY24	FY25		
NFI	NFI		

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

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

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY24	FY25	FY26	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total	NFI	NFI	NFI			

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates/Conflicts with/Companion to/Relates to:
Duplicates/Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act

SECTION III: NARRATIVE

BILL SUMMARY

Synopsis: Declares January 25, 2024, as New Mexico Food and Farms Day in the House of Representatives in celebration of community food and farm initiatives toward ending hunger and strengthening the statewide food system.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

None currently identified.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

- The older adult and senior population of New Mexico continues to grow. It is anticipated that by 2030, New Mexico will be the 4th highest in the nation for total senior population per capita (University of New Mexico, Geospatial and Population Studies).
- In New Mexico, 5.9% (29,383) of adults aged sixty (60) and older are food insecure (Feeding America. 2023. The State of Senior Hunger in America in 2021: An Annual Report).
- 49,755 of New Mexicans aged 50–59 years were either food insecure or had very low food security (Feeding America. 2023. The State of Senior Hunger in America in 2021: An Annual Report).
- The most recent data show 54,028 (14%) of New Mexico households with at least one person aged 60 or older received food stamps and or Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits in the past 12 months (U.S. Census Bureau, 2022 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates; table B22001).
- Senior hunger impacts older adults in both rural and urban environments. However, research from Feeding America found people who live in rural areas face relatively higher hunger rates due to the unique challenges associated with living in remote areas; these challenges include additional barriers in food access, transportation, and proximity to food banks or grocery stores.
- During the COVID-19 pandemic, service providers and seniors reported difficulty

accessing food in rural areas of the state. Food cost, specifically on meat and fresh produce has increased by more than 13%, therefore service providers and seniors will benefit from farmer's markets and local grown and produced food.

- Declaration of January 25, 2024, as New Mexico Food and Farms Day allows for the recognition and celebration of the local ranchers, farmers, and the Governor's Food, Farm, and Hunger Initiative. Currently, 32 entities participate in the NM Grown program resulting in 91 senior centers incorporating locally grown produce into prepared senior meals. Also, the New Mexico Grown program promotes the New Mexico Senior Olympics to work with New Mexico ranchers and farmers to provide locally grown and produced food boxes to an estimated 100 seniors statewide for annual Senior Olympics events.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

None currently identified.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

None currently identified.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

None currently identified.

TECHNICAL ISSUES

None currently identified.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

None currently identified.

ALTERNATIVES

None currently identified.

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

By not enacting this memorial, January 25, 2024, will not be declared as New Mexico Food and Farms Day in the House of Representatives in celebration of community food and farm initiatives toward ending hunger and strengthening the statewide food system. Further, ranchers and farmers in New Mexico will not be recognized for their important and vital work.

AMENDMENTS

None currently identified.