

**LFC Requester:**

**Scott Sanchez**

**AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS  
2024 REGULAR SESSION**

**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**  X

**Date Prepared:** 02/02/2024

**Bill No:** SB37

**Sponsor:** Sen. Stefanics, et. al.

**Agency Name and Code Number:** 305 – New Mexico  
Department of Justice

**Short Title:** MEAT INSPECTION  
ACT

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**SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT**

**APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)**

| Appropriation |      | Recurring<br>or Nonrecurring | Fund<br>Affected |
|---------------|------|------------------------------|------------------|
| FY24          | FY25 |                              |                  |
|               |      |                              |                  |
|               |      |                              |                  |

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

**REVENUE (dollars in thousands)**

| Estimated Revenue |      |      | Recurring<br>or<br>Nonrecurring | Fund<br>Affected |
|-------------------|------|------|---------------------------------|------------------|
| FY24              | FY25 | FY26 |                                 |                  |
|                   |      |      |                                 |                  |
|                   |      |      |                                 |                  |

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

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

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

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

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

**SECTION III: NARRATIVE**

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**BILL SUMMARY**

Synopsis: Senate Bill 37 committee substitute will create a State Meat Inspection program which will be overseen by the Livestock Board. The Livestock Board is tasked with creating the program, in compliance with federal law, promulgating rules, and enforcing them. The program's formation is contingent on compliance with the Federal Meat Inspection Act, Federal Poultry Products Inspection Act and the Federal Humane Methods of Slaughter Act.

**FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

No known fiscal implications for this office.

**SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

The New Mexico Livestock Board will be required to work with the federal government to create the inspection program compliant with federal law. As written, if the Livestock Board is unable to obtain federal approval for a state inspection program then this statute will be moot.

**PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS**

No known performance implications

**ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

No known administrative implications

**CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP**

Conflict with HB 162.

Conflict with SB 51 (SB 51 has been tabled indefinitely and has died)

**TECHNICAL ISSUES**

N/A

**OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES**

N/A

**ALTERNATIVES**

N/A

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

New Mexico will not be eligible for a federally approved Meat and Poultry Inspection Program, nor will it receive reimbursement for programmatic costs related to this program.

**AMENDMENTS**