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**AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS
2024 REGULAR SESSION**

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SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION

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Check all that apply:

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

Date 2/2/2024
Bill No: SB 37

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Short Title: MEAT INSPECTION ACT

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SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY24	FY25		
0.0	0.0	n/a	n/a

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY24	FY25	FY26		
0.0	0.0	0.0	n/a	n/a

(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	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	n/a	n/a

(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:

RELATING TO FOOD; AUTHORIZING THE CREATION OF A STATE MEAT INSPECTION PROGRAM TO ENSURE THE SAFETY AND QUALITY OF MEAT FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION; PROVIDING PENALTIES.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

Funding for the program is incorporated in the NMLB budget. The passing of this bill is not associated with increased funding. It is important to note that upon approval of the In-State Meat and Poultry Inspection (MPI) Program, by the United States Department of Agriculture Food Safety Inspection Service (FSIS), the NMLB becomes eligible for reimbursement of program costs up to fifty percent (50%).

Without a state MPI Program, the citizens of New Mexico will not have a state regulated avenue to support New Mexico produced and processed meat products for intrastate sales.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

There is Federal Preemption over all Meat and Poultry Inspection nationwide, so for New Mexico to implement an MPI Program, the state must develop a program that is at least equal to the FSIS standards. FSIS requires that state MPI Programs have statutory authority that is at least equal to the federal statutes. Without the adoption of New Mexico State Statutes, the state will not be eligible for an approved MPI Program.

When the state MPI Program attains FSIS approval, the NMLB will become eligible for reimbursement of program costs up to 50 percent (50%).

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

Statutory authority will allow the NMLB to regulate the requirements set forth in Statutes and Rules associated with the MPI Program. Without such enforcement authority, a federally approved MPI Program will not be possible.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

The NMLB MPI Program will have the authority to enforce the requirements of the program. Compliance officers, enforcement, investigation, analysis officers, training officer, public health veterinarian, and inspectors will be hired and assigned to provide the inspection services.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

There may be overlap with the inspection duties of the New Mexico Environment Department. The overlaps that may exist, will be addressed through MOUs.

TECHNICAL ISSUES

As the state MPI Program advances, a database specific to the program will need to be developed and incorporated into the program. The state will have the option to adopt the federal database (Public Health Information Service) or develop its own unique database.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

The major issue is without statutory authority. that meets the federal requirements, New Mexico will not be eligible for an FSIS approved In-State Meat and Poultry Inspection Program.

ALTERNATIVES

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

Not enacting the bill will mean that New Mexico will not be eligible for an approved Meat and Poultry Inspection Program.

AMENDMENTS