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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 1/18/2024

Bill No: SB 79

Sponsor: Pete Campos
Short Title: Statewide Composting Program

Agency Name and Code: NMDA - 199
Number:
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SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY24	FY25		
NFI	\$65.5	Nonrecurring	General Fund
NFI	NFI	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
\$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	NFI	NFI	NFI	NFI	N/A	N/A
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Duplicates/Conflicts with/Companion to/Relates to:
 Duplicates/Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act

SECTION III: NARRATIVE

BILL SUMMARY

Synopsis:

Senate Bill 79 appropriates sixty-five thousand dollars (\$65.00) to the New Mexico department of agriculture (NMDA) for the purpose of convening a working group to assess the viability of a statewide, voluntary, incentive-based composting program. The working group will be comprised of representatives from fifteen named categories of agencies, governments, and organizations and will present its findings and recommendations to NMDA and an appropriate interim legislative committee by October 1, 2024.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

NMDA expects to utilize 0.5 FTE of staff time from 2 positions to fulfill the requirements of SB 79. NMDA anticipates covering this administrative cost with existing budget and staff.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

Nationwide estimates show that, in 2018, only roughly 13-15% of compostable waste was actually composted.

The 2019 Healthy Soil Act (76-25-1 to 76-25-5 NMSA 1978) directs NMDA to “identify ways to increase the generation and use of compost to build healthy soils.” In its implementation of the Healthy Soil Act, NMDA has funded on-farm composting projects through projects grants.

SB 79 requires NMDA to present its findings and recommendations to an appropriate interim legislative committee by October 1, 2024. This leaves NMDA with less than three months from receiving the FY25 appropriation to complete the working group process and produce the final report.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

N/A

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

NMDA staff time would be required to convene, administer, and coordinate the working group and develop the final report. NMDA expects to utilize 0.5 FTE of staff time from 2 positions to fulfill the requirements of SB 79 on top of existing duties.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

N/A

TECHNICAL ISSUES

N/A

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

N/A

ALTERNATIVES

N/A

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

If SB 79 is not enacted, NMDA will continue to identify ways to increase the generation and use of compost to build healthy soils under the provisions of the 2019 Healthy Soil Act. NMDA will not convene the stakeholder group named by the bill to assess the viability of a statewide, voluntary, incentive-based composting program, and findings will not be reported to any legislative interim committees.

AMENDMENTS

N/A