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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 01/18/13

SPONSOR Bandy LAST UPDATED _____ HJM 16

SHORT TITLE Study Feasibility of Horse Slaughter SB _____

ANALYST Chabot

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY13	FY14	FY15	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total	to be determined					

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Joint Memorial 16 requests the New Mexico Department of Agriculture study the feasibility of humane horse slaughter and establishing processing facilities in New Mexico and report to the appropriate interim committee of the Legislature by December 1, 2013.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The study will need to be funded from the operating budget of the Department of Agriculture.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The joint memorial states horse slaughter is a controversial and emotional issue but thousands of unwanted horses are exposed to abandonment and neglect and are shipped to other countries for slaughter. Human horse processing facilities reduce suffering and will meet overseas export markets for horse meat in a humane manner.

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