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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 02/13/13

SPONSOR O'Neill LAST UPDATED _____ HB _____

SHORT TITLE Animal Cruelty Law Training SB 459

ANALYST Aledo-Sandoval

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY13	FY14		
	\$50.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Children, Youth and Families Department (CYFD)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 459 appropriates \$50 thousand from the general fund to the Children, Youth and Families Department (CYFD) for the purpose of providing training to social workers and law enforcement personnel regarding animal cruelty laws and the social and legal consequences of animal cruelty.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$50 thousand contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2014 shall revert to the general fund.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The CYFD states that over the past 25 years, researchers, and professionals in a variety of human services and animal welfare disciplines have established significant correlations between animal abuse, child abuse and neglect, and other forms of violence according to research provided by the National Link Coalition. This funding would allow the CYFD to work directly with animal protection groups in New Mexico to provide training to social workers and to work with law

enforcement to provide relevant training to them. The CYFD adds that the department has been able to collaborate with law enforcement in the past to provide training but has no oversight of law enforcement and cannot mandate training for law enforcement agencies.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

The CYFD notes that any administrative work required to support the requirements of this bill would be absorbed by existing resources.

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