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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Sweetser ORIGINAL DATE 2/14/19
LAST UPDATED _____ HB 164/aHAWC
SHORT TITLE Agriculture Livestock Incident Response Team SB _____
ANALYST Valenzuela

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY19	FY20		
	\$100.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

New Mexico Department of Agriculture (NMDA)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of the House Agriculture and Water Resources Committee (HAWC) amendment

House Bill 164/aHAWC amends the original bill to remove the reversion clause.

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 164 appropriates \$100 thousand from the general fund to the NMDA for the purpose of administering the agriculture livestock incident response team.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

This bill would fund the New Mexico Agricultural Livestock Incident Response Team (NM-ALIRT). NM-ALIRT is a joint program between New Mexico State University and the New Mexico Livestock Board for animal disease surveillance and response. NMDA has received federal funding support in prior years for this initiative.

The appropriation of \$100 thousand contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY20 shall revert to the general fund.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The appropriation would fund NMDA to improve the state’s animal science professional level of preparedness to address pathogen outbreaks in the agriculture industry. NM ALIRT has provided agriculture emergency response training, not only to the NM ALIRT veterinarians, but also to multiple county, state, and federal agencies.

TECHNICAL ISSUES

HB164 contains annual reversion language, where unexpended balances from the appropriation revert to the general fund. Higher education institutions, which includes the NMDA, do not revert unexpended balances.

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