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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Stefanics ORIGINAL DATE 1/28/2020
LAST UPDATED _____ HB _____
SHORT TITLE NM-Grown Produce for Senior Center Meals SB 76
ANALYST Klundt

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY20	FY21		
	\$100.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Aging and Long Term Services Department (ALTSD)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 76 (SB 76) appropriates \$100 thousand from the general fund to the Aging and Long Term Services Department (ALTSD) for the purpose of purchasing NM grown fruits and vegetables for the Senior Center meal programs.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

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 fiscal year 2021 shall revert to the general fund.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

A pilot project for purchasing NM grown fruits and vegetables for the Senior Center meal programs was implemented in FY20, in which three senior service programs were contracted to purchase NM grown fruits and vegetables and include them into the senior meals. This bill would expand the pilot project. The ALTSD reported fresh fruits and vegetables are necessary in keeping New Mexico seniors healthy.

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The ALTSD reported the current pilot project for the NM grown fruits and vegetables for Senior Center meals program includes: Sandoval County \$18,255, Socorro County \$8,690, and NWNM Seniors in San Juan \$18,255. Each program has to work-in the produce based on menus that had been submitted months in advance for approval from Global Nutrition (meals have to meet 1/3 RDI Required Daily intake for seniors). The cost on meals average approximately \$4.00, this provides the programs .79 cents for vegetables and fruits to the meal (which they will substitute for a fruit and vegetable from their approved menus). The agency estimates the pilot will serve 57,200 meals/seniors.

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