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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

		ORIGINAL DATE	1/28/2020		
SPONSOR	Rodriguez	LAST UPDATED	2/7/2020	HB	

SHORT TITLEGlean Unharvested Farm ProduceSM3/aSCONC

ANALYST Hawker

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY20	FY21	FY22	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
	\$11.9	\$23.9		\$35.8	Nonrecurring	General Fund
	11.9	23.8		\$35.7	Nonrecurring	Federal Fund
Total	\$23.8	\$47.7		\$71.5	Nonrecurring	

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to HM6

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

<u>Responses Received From</u> New Mexico Department of Agriculture (NMDA) Department of Environment (NMED) Human Services Department (HSD)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of SCONC Amendment

The Senate Conservation Committee Amendment to Senate Memorial 3 adds farmers to the working group.

Synopsis of Original Bill

Senate Memorial 3 requests the New Mexico Department of Agriculture (NMDA) to convene a working group comprised of representatives from NMDA, Department of Environment, Workforce Solutions Department, Human Services Department. Relevant non-governmental entities are to be included in the working group, including anti-hunger advocacy organizations, labor organizations and agriculture-focused groups, such as 4-H, the New Mexico's Famers' Marketing Association and the New Mexico Food and Agriculture Policy Council. The working group is to develop recommendations on how to best coordinate with farmers to glean unharvest

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produce and efficiently distribute the produce to with goal of effectively addressing food insecurity. Recommendations are to be reported to the appropriate interim legislative committee by November 1, 2020.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

This memorial does not carry an appropriation. According to HSD, if this memorial were enacted, HSD would need to allocate resources or hire additional staff to be responsive. HSD anticipates frequent meetings and interagency consultation to complete the study and recommendations by November 2020. HSD estimates a minimum of one FTE would be required with a total cost of \$71 thousand with a general fund impact of \$35.8 thousand.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The Environment Department (NMED) states based upon the requirements of participating in the working group, the department could participate in no more than one four-hour meeting, including travel time, each month in either Santa Fe or Albuquerque. NMED's federal and special revenue funds are restricted and do not address food insecurity issues. Additionally, projected fund balances would not support in-state per diem to participate in this working group.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

Participation in the working group will require administrative workload for HSD.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

SM3 relates to House Memorial 3, both memorials convene working groups to examine food insecurity and food access in New Mexico.

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