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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

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LAST UPDATED _____ HB _____
SHORT TITLE Public Peace, Health, Safety & Welfare SB 252/SECS
ANALYST Fischer

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY22	FY23		
	\$26,000.0	Nonrecurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

New Mexico Department of Agriculture (NMDA)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

The Senate Education Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 252 appropriates \$26 million from the general fund to the New Mexico Department of Agriculture at New Mexico State University to assist dairy processing manufacturing facilities to comply with executive orders to lessen their carbon imprint, address water savings and reduce energy use. There is no effective date of this bill. It is assumed that the effective date is 90 days following adjournment of the Legislature.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$26 million contained in this bill is a nonrecurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2025 shall revert to the general fund.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

Senate Bill 252 does not specify which executive orders dairy processing manufacturing facilities are meant to comply with. It may be Executive Order 2019-003 ordering the state to support the 2015 Paris Agreement Goals and achieve a statewide reduction of greenhouse gasses of at least 45 percent by 2030, and that established a Climate Change Task Force with a purview

of evaluating policies to adopt a comprehensive market-based program that sets emission limits.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

The New Mexico Department of Agriculture reports that it would need two staff to implement and administer this new program. One accountant at \$64 thousand and a program manager at \$85 thousand and would require \$15 thousand in operation funds to administer, monitor, and track the program.

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