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## AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS - 2025 REGULAR SESSION

### SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION

*{Indicate if analysis is on an original bill, amendment, substitute or a correction of a previous bill}*

**Date Prepared:** 02/19/2025 *Check all that apply:*  
**Bill Number:** HB 471 Original  Correction   
 Amendment  Substitute

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### SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT

#### APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY25	FY26		
	N/A		

(Parenthesis ( ) indicate expenditure decreases)

#### REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY25	FY26	FY27		
	N/A	N/A		

(Parenthesis ( ) indicate revenue decreases)

#### ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY25	FY26	FY27	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
<b>Total</b>		N/A	N/A			

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

## **SECTION III: NARRATIVE**

### **BILL SUMMARY**

Synopsis: HB 471 looks to restrict livestock from running at large in newly defined “traditional historic communities” by expanding existing regulations about livestock trespassing and impoundment.

### **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

None

### **SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

The definition of a “Traditional Historic Community” is found in NMSA 3-7-1.1

According to information posted to the Ranchos De Taos Neighborhood Association website in the Spring of 2021, in regards to the La Cienaga THC, “There is a large proportion of the land included within the THC which is zoned for no more than one residence per 160 acres”; and “These uninhabited lands historically have been considered to be a part of the river valley communities, as resource base, pasture, and fuel wood sources.”

It appears that the very essence of a THC is to allow for the running of livestock and for agriculture use, and to not allow a municipality to annex their lands to interfere with those activities. This designation, to not allow a THC to run livestock would be detrimental to those communities.

The definition in this bill also includes “an unincorporated area of a county”, see line 6 page 4. This definition is too broad and would include most of many areas of rural counties.

### **PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS**

It is unknown how much this statute designation would affect the NMLB.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

It is unknown how much this statute designation would affect the NMLB.

### **CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP**

NMSA 77-16-1 is the current fence statute in regards areas outside of municipalities.

### **TECHNICAL ISSUES**

### **OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES**

This law would be detrimental to those producers in counties and THC's that own livestock. THC is too broad a term or designation.

### **ALTERNATIVES**

Look to strengthen the "Willful Trespassing" laws in order to have more grounds for a land owner to go through a court process to control livestock running at large.

### **WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL**

Grazing rights that have been traditional for over 100 years could be affected by this bill.

### **AMENDMENTS**