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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Rawson DATE TYPED 1/31/05 HB _____

SHORT TITLE Gould's Turkey Enhancement Permits SB 39

ANALYST Wilson

REVENUE

Estimated Revenue		Subsequent Years Impact	Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY05	FY06			
		See Narrative		Game Protection Fund

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Department of Game & Fish (DGF)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 39 will give statutory authority to the State Game Commission to direct the Department of Game & Fish to authorize the issuance of Gould's turkey enhancement permits for the taking of Gould's turkeys to raise funds for programs and projects to better manage the Gould's turkey population in New Mexico.

Significant Issues

The DGF provided the following:

- New Mexico Statutes, Chapter 17 Game & Fish, Article 2, Part 3, Wildlife Conservation Act 17-2-37 and 17-2-42 NMSA clearly define the purposes for which the take of this State Threatened species may occur. Those purposes are for scientific, zoological or educational purposes, for propagation in captivity of such wildlife or to protect private property. This bill would allow the take of Gould's turkeys as described above, hunters harvesting turkeys under this bill would be expected to provide scientific information to managers, and funds derived from the sale of any of these permits would

- be expected to be returned to a Gould's turkey program.
- Game & Fish biologists believe that very little can be done to affect habitat improvement by conducting projects, but instead, more can be achieved by preventing activities such as over grazing, removal of roost trees and limiting seasonal disturbances.
 - It is possible that costs to the Game protection fund to administer this program may exceed revenues generated thus reducing the DGF's ability to affect meaningful benefits to Gould's turkeys as well as other species management reliant on Game Protection Fund dollars.
 - This bill will not result in any meaningful implications to performance measures with regard to turkey hunting opportunities or the DGF's ability to develop recovery plans for the Gould's turkey.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The DGF believes that any funds raised through lottery and auction permits would not cover the costs of the population monitoring efforts required to make hunting permits determination.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

The DGF can perform the provisions of this bill with existing staff.

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