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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 1/21/08

SPONSOR Martinez LAST UPDATED HB

SHORT TITLE Espanola Animal Shelter Services SB 221

ANALYST Propst

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY08	FY09		
	\$40.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Department of Finance and Administration (DFA)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 221 Making an Appropriation for Animal Services in the city of Espanola in Rio Arriba county, appropriates \$40 thousand from the general fund to DFA for purposes of funding an animal shelter.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$40 thousand contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY09 shall revert to the general fund.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

According to DFA, the likely candidate to receive the benefit of this appropriation is the Espanola Valley Humane Society (EVHS), which is the only existing animal shelter in Espanola and has had a contract for all animal shelter management with the city of Espanola since 1992 and with Rio Arriba County since 1997. Under these contracts, EVHS receives \$45 thousand per year from the city and \$10 thousand per year from the county. EVHS receives approximately 1400 dogs/cats from the city of Espanola and 2200 dogs/cats from Rio Arriba County each year,

and the EVHS Director, quotes the cost for shelter alone, not including spay/neuter or other services, at just under \$200 thousand annually for the county and about \$128 thousand for the city.

The appropriation would be used for ongoing animal shelter programs, including operational expenses. The EVHS Director estimated that with \$30 thousand, 323 animals could be sheltered and either placed in homes or euthanized; with \$40 thousand, approximately 430 animals could be sheltered. It may also provide opportunities to leverage additional private funding.

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