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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 01/29/13  
 SPONSOR SCONC LAST UPDATED 02/13/13 HB \_\_\_\_\_  
 SHORT TITLE Disposition of State-Owned Animals SB 139/SCONCS  
 ANALYST Chabot

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

	FY13	FY14	FY15	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
<b>Total</b>		Minimal				General Fund

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received In Previous Analysis From  
 Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC)  
 Attorney General's Office (AGO)  
 New Mexico Corrections Department (NMCD)  
 Department of Finance and Administration (DFA)  
 Department of Public Safety (DPS)  
 New Mexico Municipal League (NMML)

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

The Senate Conservation Committee substitute for Senate Bill 139 amends Section 13-6-1 NMSA 1978 by adding a new subsection L stating if the Secretary of the Department of Public Safety (DPS) finds a K-9 dog owned by the Department presents no threat to public safety, the dog shall be released from public ownership and first offered to its trainer or handler free of charge. If the offer is declined, the K-9 dog will offered a Section 501(c) (3) organization also free of charge. If neither of these options is successful, the K-9 dog may be sold to qualified individuals capable of providing a good home. It cleans up language in Section 33-2-5 NMSA 1978 DISPOSTION OF UNNEEDED PROPERTY and adds similar provisions in a new subsection B for K-9 dogs belonging to the NMCD.

### FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

Fiscal impact should be minimal.

**SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

The NMCD states the bill would likely increase morale of the NMCD employees responsible for handling K-9s. However, it says the bill does not provide for disposition for those animals that may pose a threat for public safety; the NMCD needs a way to humanely end the dog's life if the dog poses a danger.

The DPS states this bill will ratify a process already occurring within state agencies.

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