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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

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SHORT TITLE Outfitter as State Game Commission Member SB 308

ANALYST McCoy

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY13	FY14		
NFI	NFI		

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Department of Game and Fish (DGF)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 308 adds the requirement that one of the seven State Game Commission (SGC) members be an outfitter registered pursuant to Section 17-2A-3 NMSA 1978.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

No fiscal impact.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

According to the Department of Game and Fish (DGF), there are approximately 200,000 anglers, 100,000 hunters and 300 registered outfitters in New Mexico. In the 2012-2013 DGF license-year, the DGF issued approximately 2,000 public licenses to hunters utilizing a registered New Mexico outfitter. Since there is no registration requirement for outfitters on private land hunts, the DGF does not collect data regarding the number of hunters utilizing registered outfitters on private land hunts. Outfitted hunters represent a small percentage of New Mexico hunters. The DGF notes, there is no legal requirement that the SGC membership include a person who represents the interests of the vast majority of New Mexico hunters who do not utilize services of registered outfitters.