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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Trujillo, Ca **ORIGINAL DATE** 01/23/14
LAST UPDATED _____ **HB** 20
SHORT TITLE Animal Spaying and Neutering **SB** _____
ANALYST Weber

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY14	FY15		
	\$250.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Regulation and Licensing Department (RLD)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 20 appropriates \$250 thousand from the General Fund to the Animal Care and Facility Fund support spaying and neutering efforts.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$250 thousand contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the General Fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2014 shall revert to the general fund.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The RLD audit submitted December 17, 2012 to the State Auditor showed an unrestricted balance in this fund of \$265 thousand. RLD indicated more timely fund balance information and the usage of any funds over the past few years for this or other purposes was not available.

SpayNM is a program of Animal Humane New Mexico the works to educate, provide resources and advocate for spaying and neutering pets. They report “healthy, adoptable cats and dogs are euthanized by the thousands each year in New Mexico because there are not enough homes for

them all. Fixing your pet (also known as spaying/neutering) means fewer pets added to that population”.

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