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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

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SPONSOR Larranaga ORIGINAL DATE 1/30/2015
LAST UPDATED _____ HB 93

SHORT TITLE Farmers' Market Double Up Food Bucks Program SB _____

ANALYST Hartzler

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY15	FY16		
	\$400.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY15	FY16	FY17		
	\$400.0	\$400.0	Recurring	Federal Funds

(Parenthesis () Indicate Revenue Decreases)

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY15	FY16	FY17	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total		\$10.0	\$10.0	\$20.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act, Section 4J, Higher Education, New Mexico Department of Agriculture

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

New Mexico Department of Agriculture (NMDA)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 93 appropriates \$400 thousand from the general fund to NMDA to increase purchasing power of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) participants to purchase fresh fruits and vegetables at New Mexico's farmers' markets. State general fund appropriations for this program would be matched dollar-for-dollar by the federal Double Up Food Bucks Program.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$400 thousand contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY16 shall revert to the general fund. However, should this appropriation be included in the General Appropriation Act (GAA), the appropriation to NMDA would be nonreverting pursuant to language in Section 4 of the GAA.

According to the NMDA, "the appropriated funds would be eligible for a dollar-for-dollar match in federal Food Insecurity Nutrition Incentive Grant funds." Federal funds for this grant program are available through the Farm Bill.

There may be increased operational costs associated with administering the program, anticipating increased SNAP participants and federal grant reporting requirements.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

For each SNAP participant receiving electronic benefit transfer (EBT) cards, they will receive tokens to use at a farmers' market. The tokens at farmers' markets are matched up to \$20 in Double Up Food Bucks. Thirty-two farmers' markets in 18 counties have SNAP access. NMDA reports that more than 600 New Mexico farmers could benefit from increased sales from SNAP participants having increased purchasing power.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

There are no performance measures associated with this appropriation and program. If funded, NMDA should measure the number of SNAP participants using the program and track the federal funds received through this grant program.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

NMDA receives general fund appropriations in the General Appropriation Act, but no funds as part of the Double Up Food Bucks program.

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