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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Chasey ORIGINAL DATE 2/24/15
LAST UPDATED _____ HB 412
SHORT TITLE Identify & Monitor Certain Animals At Border SB _____
ANALYST Elkins

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY15	FY16	FY17	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total		Indeterminate	Indeterminate			

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

New Mexico Livestock Board (NMLB)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 412 would require NMLB to identify and monitor animals at the Mexican border that have been rejected for slaughter for human consumption.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

Requiring NMLB to monitor livestock at the Mexican border that has been rejected for slaughter for human consumption would increase the board's expenses. The estimated operating budget impact is indeterminate because the number of livestock that would need to be monitored is unknown

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The New Mexico Livestock Board offers the following commentary:

NMLB currently identifies rejected animals at the Mexican border. There are various reasons for an animal to be "rejected" at the Mexican border. Those reasons are not limited to issues related to slaughter for human consumption and there is no way for our inspectors to know all of those reasons.

There is no way to know the final destination of livestock once they leave New Mexico. NMLB does not have the authority or capability to determine the final use of livestock once they leave our state.

According to current law, NMLB inspects all livestock that are rejected for deportation from Mexico, under the current transportation inspection requirements and USDA regulations and requirements.

TECHNICAL ISSUES

NMLB is concerned with what monitoring would entail.

POSSIBLE QUESTIONS

How long would NMLB be required to monitor the animals?

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