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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Nunez ORIGINAL DATE 2/23/15
LAST UPDATED _____ HB 423
SHORT TITLE Running At Large of Livestock SB _____
ANALYST Elkins

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

| | FY15 | FY16 | FY17 | 3 Year Total Cost | Recurring or Nonrecurring | Fund Affected |
|-------|------|------|------|----------------------|------------------------------|------------------|
| Total | | NFI | NFI | | | |

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

New Mexico Livestock Board (NMLB)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 423 amends the Livestock Code so that an owner of livestock who willfully allows livestock to run on the lands of another is guilty of a misdemeanor. Also, the bill proposes NMLB, instead of the sheriff or other peace officer or proper military authority, shall impound livestock to be running at large and sell the livestock to the highest bidder after providing proper public notice. The bill repeals sections 77-14-4 NMSA 1978, Animals running at large in unincorporated towns, conservancy districts, irrigation districts and on military reservations or enclaves, Section 77-14-5 NMSA 1978, Livestock running at large; petition to prohibit, and Section 77-14-6 NMSA 1978, Animals running at large; order prohibiting; publication.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no identified fiscal implications.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

This bill makes the willful running of livestock on the land of another a misdemeanor. Currently, it is unlawful for an owner to allow livestock to run at large within the town, conservancy district, irrigation district, or military reservation or enclave.

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