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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Rodriguez ORIGINAL DATE 02/02/2020
LAST UPDATED _____ HB _____
SHORT TITLE Horse Shelter Rescue Fund SB 125
ANALYST Wan

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY20	FY21		
	\$500.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

New Mexico Livestock Board (NMLB)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 125 appropriates \$500 thousand from the general fund to the horse shelter rescue fund for expenditure in FY21 and subsequent fiscal years. The purpose of the appropriation is to support the humane care of horses in the state.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$500 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 2020 shall not revert to the general fund. The nonreverting provision in the bill is due to language, which states “The ‘horse shelter rescue fund’ is created as a nonreverting fund in the state treasury.”¹

Existing statute for the horse shelter rescue fund provides for continuing appropriations. The LFC has concerns with continuing appropriation language, as earmarking reduces the ability of the legislature to establish spending priorities.

NMLB states Senate Bill 125 will have no financial impact on the agency. NMLB would pass

¹ 77-2-32 NMSA (1978)

the funds through to horse rescue facilities.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The horse shelter rescue fund provides for services to rehabilitate and care for horses. There are currently 11 board-certified horse rescue facilities in New Mexico.

Statute language also gives standards for rescue facilities. The requirements are health and sanitary requirements, standards for barns, paddocks, pastures and ranges, qualifications of the facility staff, provision of veterinary care, feeding and watering requirements, transportation and other requirements necessary to ensure the humane care of horses.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

NMLB states Senate Bill 125 would have no administrative impact on the agency.

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