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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 2/08/18

SPONSOR HHHC LAST UPDATED \_\_\_\_\_ HB 26/HHHCS

SHORT TITLE Class A County Hospitals Indigent Reporting SB \_\_\_\_\_

ANALYST Daly

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Revenue Decreases)

### ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY18	FY19	FY20	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
<b>Total</b>		NFI				

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

The House Health and Human Services Committee Substitute for House Bill 26 requires a Class A county with a county hospital operated and maintained pursuant to a lease or operating agreement with a state education institution named in Article 12, Section 12 of the New Mexico Constitution to file an annual report on any funding it provides to that hospital, as well as a copy of any agreement or ordinance governing that funding. The report must be submitted by October 1 of each year, beginning in 2018, to the Legislative Finance Committee (LFC). Similarly, by October 1 of each year, beginning in 2018, each such county hospital shall file an annual report with that county and with LFC on a form approved by LFC on any funding it receives from the county. The county hospital report must detail, both on a hospital-wide basis and by department, all expenditures and the actual settled cost of each expenditure of county funding made for maintenance, operation and improvement of the county hospital, for financial assistance, for its bad debt or uncollected receivables, and for any other purpose.

The bill further specifies certain information to be provided when reporting on financial assistance, and requires the report also contain any other information LFC or the county requests.

### FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

No fiscal impact to the State is anticipated.

**SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

The bill defines “financial assistance” to mean any assistance the county hospital provides to a patient to cover the full or partial cost of items or services the patient receives from the hospital when it has deemed the patient or the patient’s third party payer to be unable or unavailable to meet the full settled cost to the hospital of items or services that the hospital provides to the patient.

**OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES**

There are five Class A counties in New Mexico: Bernalillo, Dona Ana, San Juan, Sandoval and Santa Fe.

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