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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

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SHORT TITLE Study Regulation of Hospice Houses SM 61

ANALYST Esquibel

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY19	FY20	FY21	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total		See Fiscal Implications				

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Memorial 61 (SM61) requests the Department of Health (DOH) study options for regulation of independent residential hospice houses. SM61 resolves DOH report its findings to the Legislative Health and Human Services Committee (LHHS) by October 1, 2019, and that copies of SM61 be transmitted to the governor, the chair of LHHS, the secretary of the Department of Health, and the secretary of the Human Services Department.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The Department of Health may incur some small expense when conducting the study of options for regulating independent residential hospice houses.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

SM61 notes several states, including New York, Wisconsin, North Carolina, Florida and Minnesota, have successfully created a statutory and regulatory framework that permits independent residential hospice houses to be licensed. The need for hospice is so great in New Mexico that there are small hospice houses currently operating without licensure as required under assisted living regulations.

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