



**FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

The State may have liability insurance costs for those individuals who provide services in an emergency situation, as well as any other administrative costs incurred.

**ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

None reported.

**OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES**

According to the Department of Health, “Emergency response preparedness requires that the broad range of activities required to assure the health and safety of New Mexicans include the potential for an increased professional workforce that can be readily and easily deployed to assist in a number of health, social, environmental and other key response functions having an immediate impact on the citizenry. In addition to those individuals who are needed to deal with the actual disaster situation, many more are needed over the course of the following year or more to assist with physical, emotional, and financial recovery of the affected communities... SB 136 would allow individuals from New Mexico, other states and territories to be added to the workforce cadre, increasing the states ability to successfully respond to an emergency in any part of the state and work effectively with local, state or federal agents engaged in addressing the emergency event.”

**POSSIBLE QUESTIONS**

1. Will state agencies be able to administer the surge in license activity to ensure the required services during an emergency?
2. Will state liability incurred by waiving the tort claims act with respect to temporary licenses result in a manageable risk to the stat?
3. What sort of coordination is there between agencies on emergency preparedness?

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