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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

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LAST UPDATED _____ HM 31
SHORT TITLE Female Prison Population Task Force SB _____
ANALYST Weber

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY10	FY11	FY12	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
Total		NFI	NFI			

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC)
New Mexico Sentencing Commission (NMSC)
Commission on the Status of Women (CSW)
Children Youth and Families Department (CYFD)
New Mexico Corrections Department (NMCD)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Memorial 31 requests the task force members established in House Memorial 3 from the 2008 Session and Senate Joint Memorial from the 2002 Session to continue the work implemented following the enactment of these previous memorials. House Memorial 31 directs the task force members to pursue recommendations and solutions already identified and to develop new recommendations and solutions for female inmates in the corrections system.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

House Memorial 31 does not extend the fiscal requirements already in place due to the previous memorials.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

CYFD notes that the 2002 SJM48 task force found that the needs of women incarcerated within New Mexico penal facilities are significantly different from those of incarcerated men; and that there is potential for improvement in the treatment and rehabilitation of women in New Mexico.

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NMCD adds that the agency will continue meeting with the task force, and will continue to follow or implement their recommendations where feasible and reasonable. NMCD's current budget crisis will make it impossible to implement any task force recommendation requiring the expenditure of substantial amounts of funds.

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