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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 02/03/12

SPONSOR Stewart LAST UPDATED _____ HB 19

SHORT TITLE Health Care Work Force Data Collection SB _____

ANALYST Esquibel

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY12	FY13		
	None*		

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

*See Fiscal Implications

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY12	FY13	FY14	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total		Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

University of New Mexico (UNM)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 19 (HB19) is introduced for the Legislative Health and Human Services Committee and proposes to amend the Health Care Work Force Data Collection, Analysis and Policy Act and would require the transfer of responsibility from the New Mexico Department of Health (DOH) for data collection, analysis and storage regarding the demographics, specialties, distribution, and practice plans of the licensed health care work force in the state to the University of New Mexico (UNM). The bill would amend the statute, which initially directed the DOH to establish and maintain a database based on the availability of funding. The law indicates core data elements to be completed by an applicant including demographics such as race, ethnicity, languages spoken, practice status and practice type, education, average hours worked per week, percent of practice devoted to direct patient care and other activities, practice

plans for the next five years, and professional liability costs and availability. HB19 would transfer the responsibility from the cabinet Secretary of Health to the President of UNM.

The University of New Mexico would be responsible for:

- Obtaining funding, creating & maintaining the “health care work force database” including entering agreements with entities/ licensure boards to obtain information from applicants (who are required to submit); creating, housing and providing information on the health care work force.
- Analyzing data and developing reports.
- Maintaining confidentiality.
- Creating a Health Care Work Force Work Group with specified membership and responsibility for making recommendations for recruitment, development of a plan to improve access, making recommendations for improving health outcomes, and for devising an electronic survey for applicants.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

House Bill 19 contains a temporary provision in Section 8 of the bill that would transfer all appropriations, personnel, property, data, records and contracts pursuant to the Health Care Work Force Data Collection, Analysis and Policy Act from the Department of Health to the University of New Mexico.

The University of New Mexico indicates its general fund appropriation will need to be increased in order to comply with the provisions of HB19, the Health Care Work Force Data Collection, Analysis and Policy Act.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The Department of Health (DOH), when analyzing SB113 which almost duplicates HB19, indicated there may be a concern about one higher education institution (UNM) collecting data about other higher education institutions. This situation may create conflict among the institutions, and there is a need to ensure that UNM does not use the data to benefit its schools or programs.

The University of New Mexico Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Center for Health Policy indicates a possible option for consideration is to direct the work force data collection and analysis to the RWJF Center as the center has been developing workforce analysis capacity and the center does not have a vested interest in the data and its analysis.

In addition, there would need to be a data sharing agreement with the Regulation and Licensing Department (RLD), the various licensing boards and UNM. Much of data would be provided through the healthcare professional licensing applications.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

The UNM indicates HB19 will increase expenses for the University of New Mexico as related to the fulfillment of the data-related duties outlined in the bill. These expenses include, but are not limited to: the creation and maintenance of the Health Care Work Force Database; the collection, storing, analysis, and sharing of data included in the database.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

SB113 relates to HB19 which are almost duplicate bills in that both bills propose to amend the Health Care Work Force Data Collection Act and would require the transfer of responsibility from the New Mexico Department of Health (DOH) for data collection, analysis and storage regarding the demographics, specialties, distribution, and practice plans of the licensed health care work force in the state to the University of New Mexico (UNM). However, additional language was added in SB113 to specify that DOH will have access to the data.

The Senate Public Affairs Committee heard SB113 and amended the bill to specifically direct the Health Care Work Force Data Collection, Analysis and Policy Act to the University of New Mexico Health Sciences Center.

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