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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 02/03/12

SPONSOR Beffort **LAST UPDATED** _____ **HB** _____

SHORT TITLE Transfer Health Info Data Management **SB** 119/aSPAC

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)

SB119 is a companion to SB113, Health Care Work Force Data Collection, and relates to HB18, Transfer Health Info Data Management.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Department of Health (DOH)

University of New Mexico Health Sciences Center (UNMHSC)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of SPAC Amendments

The Senate Public Affairs Committee (SPAC) amendments to Senate Bill 119 amend the bill to specify that the University of New Mexico Health Sciences Center, as opposed to the University of New Mexico in general, shall provide the Department of Health access to health care work force data. In related action, the SPAC amended SB113, which is a companion bill to SB119, to also direct the duties of the Health Care Work Force Data Collection, Analysis and Policy Act to the University of New Mexico Health Sciences Center as opposed to the University of New Mexico in general.

Synopsis of Original Bill

Senate Bill 119 (SB119) proposes to amend the Health Information System Act to transfer data management duties from the New Mexico Health Policy Commission to the Department of Health (DOH). SB119 would provide for the transfer of property, records and contracts directly relating to data management duties under the Health Information System Act to the DOH. An exception is made for the Health Care Work Force Database that the University of New Mexico would administer. SB119 requires the University of New Mexico to provide the workforce data to DOH. This provision is contingent upon the passage of SB113, Health Care Work Force Data Collection.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The bill contains no appropriation.

The Department of Health (DOH) indicates implementation of SB119 would require resources for staffing and related expenditures to maintain and operate the data system. Currently, the DOH employs one full time equivalent (FTE) funded through a combination of state and federal resources.

The UNMHSC indicates expenses for the University of New Mexico will increase with the transfer of the Health Care Work Force database from the DOH to UNM.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

New Mexico has a variety of key public health datasets that may be used to assess the health status of the population. Of them, the Hospital Inpatient Discharge Data (HIDD), produced under the Health Information System Act, are vital for assessing morbidity and mortality in New Mexicans; evaluating health care access and effectiveness (i.e. such as the hospitalization of New Mexicans for diagnoses that should be treatable in ambulatory care settings); and developing evidence-based interventions in healthcare delivery and/or treatment to improve the health of New Mexicans.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

Administrative implications include DOH's need to provide administrative support to staff the data system and assure system security.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

SB119 is a companion to SB113 which transfers workforce data management duties from the Health Policy Commission to the University of New Mexico. Section 2. E of SB119 includes a contingency based on passage of SB113.

SB119 relates to HB 18 which proposes to amend the Health Information System Act to transfer data management duties from the New Mexico Health Policy Commission to the Department of Health (DOH).

TECHNICAL ISSUES

The DOH suggest the following wording change: 24-14A-2. DEFINITIONS,

On page 2 line 6 delete the words “a person” and replace with the words “an entity.”

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

The DOH indicates it has recently begun receiving inpatient discharge data from federal Indian Health Service facilities across the state, which together with the HIDD data will provide a more accurate portrayal of morbidity and mortality in New Mexico, especially for New Mexico’s American Indian populations. Data sharing is also planned for records of hospital discharges of New Mexico residents discharged from hospitals in Texas, Colorado and Arizona. This is especially important for New Mexicans living near the state’s borders who are flown to trauma centers in neighboring states.

The DOH further indicates it is the logical location for the data management and other duties related to the Health Information System Act for many reasons, including DOH’s Mission to “Provide leadership to guide public health and to protect the health of all New Mexicans;” DOH’s current management of significant sensitive health datasets, such as birth and death certificate data, hospital emergency department data, infectious disease data, as well as others; and DOH’s current central role in public health data collection, data assessment and evidence-based intervention in New Mexico.

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