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**AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS
2024 REGULAR SESSION**

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SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION

{Indicate if analysis is on an original bill, amendment, substitute or a correction of a previous bill}

Check all that apply: Date 01/25/2024
Original **Amendment** **Bill No:** SB 156
Correction **Substitute**

Sponsor: Sen. Sedillo Lopez and Rep. Andrea Romero **Agency Name and Code** University of New Mexico-952
Short Title: Brain Injury Registry **Number:** _____
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SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY24	FY25		
0	1,900.00	Nonrecurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SECTION III: NARRATIVE

BILL SUMMARY

Synopsis: Senate Bill 156 updates language within the Brain Injury Services Fund to move it over to the newly created Health Care Authority Department as well as updates what may qualify as a brain injury. Additionally, SB 156 creates the brain injury registry and prescribes duties to the Health Care Authority Department on how to administer the brain injury registry and requires the Department to provide annual reports to appropriate legislative interim committees on the brain injury registry. Furthermore, SB 156 provides the following three appropriations:

- One million dollars (\$1,000,000) to establish and support the brain injury registry and to purchase or develop a website for the brain injury registry.
- Six hundred thousand dollars (\$600,000) to the Health Care Authority Department to

- conduct brain injury surveillance.
- Three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) to the University of New Mexico to partner with the Health Care Authority Department to facilitate an ECHO program for the state of New Mexico focused on brain injury.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The Brain Injury Services Fund (BISF), which recently lost its funding source from traffic citations, will cease to function if this bill does not pass. The funding provided in SB 156 will allow for the BISF to continue its important work for New Mexicans with brain injuries who are supported by the BISF and will allow for greater statewide outreach with the creation of the brain injury registry.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

TECHNICAL ISSUES

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

ALTERNATIVES

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

The BISF will cease to function, and all persons supported by the BISF will be at greater risk of crisis, loss of housing, worsening of disability, increased hospitalization, increased morbidity, and increased mortality.

Without establishment of a brain injury surveillance program, there will be no accurate data on the incidence, prevalence, and rates of disability from brain injury in the state of New Mexico, on which to base effective allocations of resources to address brain injury.

Without establishment of a brain injury registry, New Mexicans will continue to have significant barriers to obtaining information on brain injury, barriers to obtaining brain injury care, and barriers to obtaining health care coverage.

AMENDMENTS