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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}

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Original **Amendment** _____
Correction _____ **Substitute** _____

Date 2/3/2024

Bill No: SB 254

Sponsor: Senator Sedillo Lopez **Agency Name and Code** University of New Mexico-952
Short Title: Brain Injury Services **Number:** _____
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SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY24	FY25		
	\$2,500.00	Recurring	General
	\$1,000.00	Recurring	General
	\$600.00	Nonrecurring	General
	\$300.00	Nonrecurring	General

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to: SB 156, SB 165, and SB 203
 Duplicates/Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act

SECTION III: NARRATIVE

BILL SUMMARY

Synopsis: SB 254 appropriates the following amounts for various statewide brain injury services:

- \$2.5 million to the brain injury services fund for expenditure in FY25 and subsequent fiscal years to increase funding limits for eligible participants in statewide brain injury services programs.

- \$1 million to the brain injury services fund for expenditure in fiscal year 2025 and subsequent fiscal years to establish and support a brain injury registry.
- \$600 thousand to the Department of Health for expenditure in fiscal year 2025 to conduct surveillance of the prevalence and incidence of brain injury in the state.
- \$300 thousand to the Health Care Authority for expenditure in fiscal year 2025 to provide brain injury education to healthcare professionals, including mentorship and peer support, through a statewide virtual learning platform.

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 254 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

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. Without establishment of a brain injury ECHO clinic, there will not be enough providers who are knowledgeable about brain injury in the state to care for all the persons identified through the registry.

AMENDMENTS