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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:

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

Date 2/15/24

Bill No: SM16

Sponsor: Sen. Pinto and Sen. Sedillo
Lopez
Short Title: SUD and Alcohol Abuse Task
Force

Agency Name and Code HSD-630
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SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY24	FY25		
\$0	\$0	NA	NA

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY24	FY25	FY26		
\$0	\$0	\$0	NA	NA

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY24	FY25	FY26	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	NA	NA

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates/Conflicts with/Companion to/Relates to:
Duplicates/Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act

SECTION III: NARRATIVE

BILL SUMMARY

Synopsis:

Senate Memorial 16 (SM 16) is a memorial the request the creation of a Substance and Alcohol Abuse Task to study and develop a comprehensive approach to address substance and alcohol abuse.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

None for HCA/BHSD

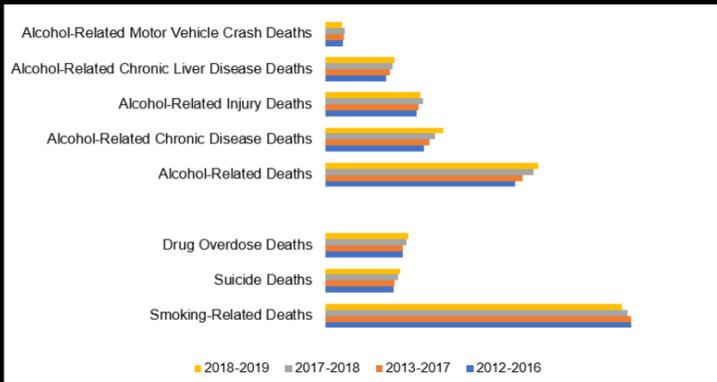
SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

New Mexico has a Data book that is updated annually that could be a source of data for the task force to analyze pertaining to alcohol and substance use and abuse per county and statewide. This data book compiles data from different state agencies such as DOH, HCA, HCA/BHSD, CYFD, etc. This data could be used to help the task force to analyze the data available to make recommendations to the legislature regarding incentives to decrease alcohol and substance use in the state.

There was an alcohol-related death rate of 2,712.3 per 100,000 in 2020. There were 50.6 drug overdose deaths per 100,000 people in NM in 2020.

[2023 New Mexico Digital Databook \(arcgis.com\)](https://arcgis.com)

Mortality Indicators, New Mexico, 2019



New Mexico has increased rates of death across the majority of mortality indicators with the exception of smoking and alcohol-related motor vehicle crash deaths.

http://www.nmprevention.org/Project_Docs/2021-docs/2021%20Epidemiology%20Profile.pdf

- Rio Arriba had the highest death rate (83.6), at more than 3 times the state rate and nearly 4 times the US rate. Bernalillo County accounted for 38% of overdose deaths.
- Roughly 25% of the counties in New Mexico had rates 1.5 times higher than the US Rate for Drug overdose death rates.
- Unintentional drug overdose deaths accounted for 86% of overdose deaths during 2015-2019.

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The task force could help create incentives to decrease alcohol and substance use in New Mexico as well as improve the health and well-being of New Mexico residents struggling with substance and alcohol use.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

The work of this task force will advance the Health Care Authority Behavioral Health Services Division's mission to "improve New Mexico's behavioral health system, driven by health equity, quality and access to services for all New Mexicans."

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

HCA behavioral health subject experts, Behavioral Health Planning Councils, and the Behavioral Health Collaborative can work with the task force to develop a comprehensive approach to address substance and alcohol abuse. The Behavioral Health Planning Council collaborates to identify and address the effects of alcohol and substance abuse, as well as ensuring services are available to those seeking treatment in New Mexico. No IT impact.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

None

TECHNICAL ISSUES

Substance and alcohol abuse should be “substance and alcohol use.”

Addiction should be “abuse”

Define “harmed”

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

The Behavioral Health Collaborative (the Collaborative) was created during the 2004 Legislative Session. The enabling statute allows several state agencies and multiple resources across state government involved in behavioral health prevention, treatment, and recovery to work as one to improve mental health and substance abuse services in New Mexico. This cabinet-level group represents 15 state agencies and the Governor’s office.

The Collaborative is charged with several responsibilities, including:

- Inventorying all expenditures for mental health and substance abuse services;
- Creating a single behavioral health care and services delivery system that promotes mental health, emphasizes prevention, early intervention, resiliency, recovery and rehabilitation, while managing funds efficiently, and ensuring availability of services throughout the state;
- Paying special attention to regional, cultural, rural, frontier, urban and border issues, and seeking suggestions from Native Americans.
- Contracting with a single, statewide services purchasing entity;
- Monitoring service capacities and utilization in order to achieve desired performance measures and outcomes;
- Comprehensive planning and compliance to meet state and federal requirements;
- Overseeing systems of care, data management, performance and outcome indicators, rate setting, service definitions, considering consumer, family, and citizen input, monitoring training, assuring that evidence-based practices receive priority, and providing oversight for fraud & abuse and licensing & certification.

https://www.hsd.state.nm.us/about_the_department/behavioral-health-collaborative/

The New Mexico Behavioral Health Planning Council (NMBHPC) makes recommendations to The Collaborative on policies, programs, and funding, and to provide input on all collaborative related initiatives. The NMBHPC works closely with HCA. The Behavioral Health Planning Council has two subcommittees which address alcohol and substance use in New Mexico, the Native American Subcommittee (NASC) and the ASAM (Adult, Substance use, and Medicaid Subcommittee subcommittee).

One goal of the NMBHPC is to address effectively substance use disorder (SUD) which aligns with the goals of the task force SM16 creates.

The task force, which SM 16 creates, could align their efforts with the Collaborative and the NMBHPC to develop a comprehensive plan to address substance and alcohol use in New Mexico.

ALTERNATIVES

None

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

Status Quo

AMENDMENTS

None