



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

### **SECTION III: NARRATIVE**

#### **BILL SUMMARY**

##### **Synopsis:**

The House Consumer and Public Affairs Committee substitute for HB 76 replaces mandatory echocardiograms and electrocardiograms for any infant with a documented or suspected familial history of congenital heart problems with a requirement for “further evaluation if a health care provider determines further evaluation is necessary based on a screening that uses a standard questionnaire developed by the department to evaluate whether a newborn had an abnormal fetal ultrasound or has any diagnosed systemic or genetic disorders associated with heart disease or a family history of suspected congenital heart problems as suggested by a long list of indications.

#### **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

#### **SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

The House Consumer And Public Affairs Committee substitute for HB 76 decreases some of the ambiguity and inefficiency of the original bill, but will still increase the strain on the current healthcare system without providing benefits to the community or the target population.

Feedback from New Mexico’s pediatric cardiology community indicates strong opposition to both the original and substitute bills. They also note that the American Academy of Pediatrics and the American College of Cardiology have voiced opposition to both versions of this legislation.

The screening questionnaire required in the substitute bill is adapted from sports screenings for older children. These screening are not designed for or appropriate for newborns. Legislating an additional screening may increase unnecessary referrals and transport of newborns for echocardiograms.

#### **PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS**

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

#### **CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP**

#### **TECHNICAL ISSUES**

#### **OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES**

#### **ALTERNATIVES**

#### **WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL**

#### **AMENDMENTS**