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**AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS - 2025 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}*

**Date Prepared:** 2/21/25 *Check all that apply:*  
**Bill Number:** HB 516 Original  Correction   
 Amendment  Substitute

**Sponsor:** P. Herndon **Agency Name and Code:** NM CVRC/ 78000  
**Short Title:** Domestic Violence Service Gaps Study **Number:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT**

**APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)**

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY25	FY26		
0	1M	Nonrecurring	General

(Parenthesis ( ) indicate expenditure decreases)

**REVENUE (dollars in thousands)**

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY25	FY26	FY27		
0	0	0	n/a	n/a

(Parenthesis ( ) indicate revenue decreases)

**ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)**

	FY25	FY26	FY27	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
<b>Total</b>	0	0	0	0	n/a	n/a

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates/Conflicts with/Companion to/Relates to: HB 57  
Duplicates/Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act : n/a

### **SECTION III: NARRATIVE**

#### **BILL SUMMARY**

*The bill would make a one-time appropriation of \$100,000 from the General Fund in FY26 to the NM Supreme Court to convene a task force to evaluate and make recommendations related to gaps in legal services to domestic violence victims. Recommendations are to be cost-effective solutions.*

*Synopsis: A \$100K appropriation to the Supreme Court to convene a study group to assess legal services to domestic violence survivors.*

#### **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

*None to CVRC.*

Note: major assumptions underlying fiscal impact should be documented.

Note: if additional operating budget impact is estimated, assumptions and calculations should be reported in this section.

#### **SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

*None noted.*

#### **PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS**

*CVRC provides financial services to victims of intimate partner violence and would benefit from a study on gaps in legal services for victims of intimate partner violence. Good data on survivors' needs is essential to ensuring that survivors receive the protection and support they need to seek justice and rebuild their lives. Despite existing legal frameworks, many victims face significant barriers to accessing legal assistance, including financial constraints, lack of awareness, and systemic inefficiencies. Identifying these gaps will provide critical data to inform policy changes, improve service delivery, and ensure that legal resources are accessible, culturally appropriate, and trauma-informed. By undertaking this study, CVRC and NM generally can strengthen our response to intimate partner violence and uphold the rights and safety of survivors.*

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

*None noted.*

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

*HB 57 would create a fund for legal representation of domestic abuse survivors. HB 516 would inform the administration of that program by identifying representation needs generally.*

#### **TECHNICAL ISSUES**

*None noted.*

#### **OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES**

*None noted.*

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**ALTERNATIVES**

*None suggested.*

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

*Legal needs of domestic abuse survivors would be inadequately served.*

**AMENDMENTS**

*None suggested.*