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### **SECTION III: NARRATIVE**

#### **BILL SUMMARY**

Synopsis: HM 53 directs the department of health and the aging and long-term services department to work with the New Mexico chapter of the Alzheimer's association and other stakeholders to incorporate the best available research on Alzheimer's and brain health into their education and outreach materials and to seek federal funding for the endeavor. The memorial further directs the two agencies to report on their activities to the legislative council and the governor.

#### **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

#### **SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

The memorial contains some significant typos (see amendments below)

The UNM HSC's New Mexico Alzheimer's Disease Research Center (ADRC) is a partnership between UNM HSC, UNM Main Campus, Mind Research Network, and several urban and tribal communities across New Mexico. The NM ADRC is one of 38 ARDC funded by NIH nationwide and is the only ADRC in the Rocky Mountain region. The NM ADRC provides opportunities for members of diverse communities to participate in clinical research to assess their risk for AD and related dementias. The Center also assesses various social determinants of health and metabolic markers on dementia risk, serves as a resource for local and state-wide researchers interested in AD/ADRD research, trains New Mexico's dementia workforce, and seeks to develop vaccines for dementia.

#### **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**

WHEREAS, in 1960 1906, Dr. Alois Alzheimer noticed changes in the brain tissue of a woman who died of an unusual mental illness, and upon examining her brain, Dr. Alzheimer found many abnormal clumps, now called amyloid plaques, and tangled bundles of fibers, now called neurofibrillary or tau tangles; and these plaques and tangles, along with the loss of connectors between neurons in the brain, are some of the main features of Alzheimer's disease; and