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AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS - 2026 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: 1/23/2026 *Check all that apply:*
Bill Number: HB 129 Original Correction
 Amendment Substitute

Sponsor: Pamelya Herndon **Agency Name and Code** 449 Board of Nursing
Short Title: Health Care Provider Coverage **Number:** _____
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SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT**APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)**

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY26	FY27		
0	0	0	0

REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY26	FY27	FY28		
0	0	0	0	0

(Parenthesis () indicate revenue decreases)

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY26	FY27	FY28	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total	0	0	0	0	0	0

(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: The bill requires that health care coverage providers cover all types of health care providers working within their legal scopes of practice.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS: None for the New Mexico Board of Nursing.

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. The ability to see a quality provider due to arbitrary restrictions negatively impacts patient care.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS: None.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS: None.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP: None.

TECHNICAL ISSUES: None.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES: None.

ALTERNATIVES: None.

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL:

Patients needing access to care may wait for longer periods of time when safe, quality care is available but impeded.

AMENDMENTS: None.