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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}*

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**Bill Number:** House Memorial 51 Original  Correction   
 Amendment  Substitute

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**SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT**

**APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)**

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY26	FY27		

**REVENUE (dollars in thousands)**

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY26	FY27	FY28		

(Parenthesis ( ) indicate revenue decreases)

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

	FY26	FY27	FY28	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
<b>Total</b>						

(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:**

House Memorial 51 directs State agencies to study employment transition options for workers affected by the discontinuation of federal civil immigration detention contracts and to evaluate reuse or repurposing of detention facilities in Cibola, Otero, and Torrance counties. The Economic Development Department and Workforce Solutions Department will assess job replacement and rural economic support strategies. The Children, Youth and Families Department, Corrections Department, and Health Care Authority will evaluate alternative uses for the facilities, including non-civil immigration detention, health care, and other community or State needs. The Memorial also directs analysis of State programs that could support affected rural communities and requires delivery of findings to interim legislative committees by October 1, 2026.

The Memorial notes that reliance on federal civil immigration detention contracts in these counties limits economic diversification and may increase economic instability. If the facilities close or jobs related to federal civil immigration detention are reduced, the studies will identify ways to repurpose the facilities and provide alternative employment opportunities for affected workers. The objective is to support workforce transition, economic resilience, and sustainable rural development.

### **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

This Memorial does not contain an appropriation. Any fiscal impact is expected to be minimal and absorbable within existing agency resources, as the Memorial requests studies rather than implementation of programs or facility conversions.

### **SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

The Memorial anticipates potential workforce and economic disruption resulting from the prohibition on civil immigration detention contracts. It highlights the need for proactive planning to mitigate job displacement and economic instability in Cibola, Otero, and Torrance counties, while promoting opportunities for repurposing existing facilities to serve broader community and state needs.

### **PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS**

Agencies may experience increased workload related to interagency coordination, data collection, stakeholder engagement, and report preparation. However, the studies may improve long-term planning, workforce transition strategies, and rural economic development outcomes.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

Multiple agencies are required to collaborate, which may necessitate formal coordination mechanisms. Clear leadership or designation of a lead agency may be necessary to ensure timely completion of the studies.

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

The Memorial relates to House Bill 9, which would prohibit public bodies from contracting for federal civil immigration detention. House Memorial 51 is contingent upon the potential impacts of that legislation but does not conflict with it. House Memorial 42 is a similar study request.

## **TECHNICAL ISSUES**

## **OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES**

The Memorial explicitly broadens the scope of facility reuse beyond detention to include health care and other community or State needs, allowing flexibility in future policy development and economic diversification strategies in Cibola, Otero, and Tarrant counties.

## **ALTERNATIVES**

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

## **AMENDMENTS**