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**AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS - 2026 REGULAR SESSION**

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**SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION**

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**Date Prepared:** 1/26/26 *Check all that apply:*  
**Bill Number:** SB127 Original  Correction   
 Amendment  Substitute

**Sponsor:** Harold Pope **Agency Name and Code** Dept. of Workforce Solutions-631  
**Short Title:** Homelessness Reduction Division **Number:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT**

**APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)**

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY27	FY28		
\$1,000	0	Nonrecurring	

**REVENUE (dollars in thousands)**

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY27	FY28	FY29		
0	0	0		

(Parenthesis ( ) indicate revenue decreases)

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

	FY27	FY28	FY29	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
<b>Total</b>	None to DWS	None to DWS	None to DWS			

(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: This bill would create a new Homelessness Reduction Division within the Health Care Authority. The Homelessness Reduction Division would be responsible for developing and implementing a statewide strategic homelessness reduction plan; creating a statewide data system; identifying mainstream resources, benefits and services to prevent and end homelessness in New Mexico; coordinating efforts to reduce homelessness across state agencies; serving as an advocate within state government and in the state for people experiencing homelessness; and providing leadership for and collaborating with people developing local plans to end homelessness

This bill also creates an Interagency Homelessness Reduction Task Force. The Task Force will be responsible for recommending policy, regulatory and resource changes, resources needed for implementation of the homelessness reduction plan, and strategies for effective interagency collaboration and system integration.

The bill creates a Homelessness Reduction Advisory Council to advise the interagency homelessness reduction task force and the Director of the Homelessness Reduction Division. The Homelessness Reduction Advisory Council would be responsible for recommending strategies to prevent and decrease homelessness and unnecessary institutionalization, to improve health and human services outcomes for people experiencing homelessness, to strengthen safety nets that contribute to housing stability, and to develop and achieve the goals of the statewide strategic homelessness reduction plan.

The bill would appropriate \$1 million from the general fund to the Health Care Authority for expenditure in fiscal year 2027 to fund the operation of the Homelessness Reduction Division, the Interagency Homelessness Reduction Task Force and the Homelessness Reduction Advisory Council.

#### **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

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#### **SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

The Homelessness Reduction Division may duplicate other efforts to address homelessness in New Mexico.

Housing New Mexico funds homeless programs across the state, including supportive housing programs, emergency shelter operations and prevention. The Department of Workforce Solutions Office of Housing strategically funds programs to reduce and prevent homelessness.

HUD requires communities to establish local Continuum of Cares to in order to receive federal funding for supportive housing and other homeless programs. HUD created the Continuum of Care structure to promote community-wide planning and strategic use of resources to address homelessness, improve coordination and integration with mainstream resources, improve data collection and performance measurement, and allow each community to tailor its programs to the strengths and challenges in assisting homeless individuals and families within that community. There are currently two HUD Continuum of Cares in New Mexico – an Albuquerque Continuum of Care and a Balance of State Continuum of Care, both of which are managed by the New Mexico Coalition to End Homelessness. On behalf of the Continuum of Cares, the NM Coalition to End Homelessness manages the Homeless Management Information System, which collects demographic and outcome information about people utilizing both HUD funded and non-funded programs, and the Coordinated Entry System for filling supportive housing beds.

**PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS**

This would create duplication of efforts with the DWS Office of Housing.

**ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

None.

**CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP**

None with regard to legislation.

**TECHNICAL ISSUES**

None.

**OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES**

None.

**ALTERNATIVES**

None.

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

If this bill is not enacted, a new Homelessness Reduction Division within the HCA will not be formed.

**AMENDMENTS:** None