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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 1-28-2026 *Check all that apply:*
Bill Number: SB134 Original Correction
Amendment Substitute

Sponsor: Representatives Lopez, Pope/Pinto/Charley/Hickey **Agency Name and Code Number:** Office of Superintendent of Insurance -440
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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
Total						

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates/Conflicts with/Companion to/Relates to: None.
Duplicates/Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act

SECTION III: NARRATIVE

BILL SUMMARY

SB 134 (SB134) creates a permanent joint interim committee of the New Mexico Legislature called the Legislative Health and Human Services Committee (Committee). The Committee will have ten members, four from the Senate and six from the House of Representatives (House), with representation from the Senate and House standing committees.

Members of the Committee shall be appointed for two-year terms that expire on the first day of each odd year legislative session. Any term shall also terminate when the member ceases to be a member of the Legislature. The bill outlines how appointments are made and vacancies are filled in addition to how the chair and vice chair will be appointed.

Section 2 of SB134 creates a position of Director of the Committee. The Director shall be hired by the Committee and serve at the Committee's pleasure.

The duties of the Committee include: (1) directing the work of the Director; continuing study of law governing health and human services including costs; (3) recommending changes in laws relating to provision of health and human services; (4) making a full report of the Committee's findings and recommendations.

Members and staff of the Committee will be compensated for expenses for meeting attendance and travel in connection with duties.

State agencies will be required to comply with requests from the Committee for documents, materials or information.

SB134 makes an appropriation of \$500,000 and repeals Sections 2-13-1 through 2-13-5 NMSA 1978.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

None.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

None.

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

Without this bill, the legislature would lack a dedicated, permanent committee focused on health and human services. In its absence, legislators may have limited capacity to develop evidence-based reforms, relying instead on temporary interim committees or external reports.

AMENDMENTS

None.