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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: 1/27/26 **Bill Number:** SB0134 **Original** **Amendment** **Substitute**
Short Title: CREATE AND STAFF PERMANENT HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

Sponsor: Sen. Lopez, Sen. Pope, Sen. Pinto, Sen. Charley, Sen. Hickey

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SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY26	FY27		
\$0	\$0	-	-

(Parenthesis () indicate expenditure decreases)

REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY26	FY27	FY28		
\$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	-	-

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SECTION III: NARRATIVE

BILL SUMMARY

Synopsis:

SB 134 creates a new permanent, professionally staffed Legislative Health and Human Services Committee to provide year-round oversight of New Mexico's health and human services system, including authority to obtain information from state agencies and to develop legislation. It replaces NMSA 2-13-1, *et seq.* which established the existing interim committee and appropriates \$500,000 to support dedicated staff and operations,

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

None

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

None

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

None

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

None

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

None

TECHNICAL ISSUES

None

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

The State's oversight of health care and public benefits has grown increasingly complicated with extensive federal statutory and regulatory mandates that must be met and involving constant technological changes. Having a committee with a full-time executive director dedicated to this area of the State's responsibilities and opportunities for advancement could help ensure that our lawmakers have the in-depth analysis and information to support New Mexico's long-term health and well-being.

ALTERNATIVES

None

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

Status quo

AMENDMENTS

None