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AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS - 2026 REGULAR SESSION

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AgencyAnalysis.nmlegis.gov and email to billanalysis@dfa.nm.gov*(Analysis must be uploaded as a PDF)***SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION***{Indicate if analysis is on an original bill, amendment, substitute or a correction of a previous bill}*Date Prepared: 02/03/2026

Check all that apply:

Bill Number: SM17Original Correction Amendment Substitute Sponsor: Linda M. LópezAgency Name
and CodeNumber: OSA 308Short
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Government AccountabilityPhone: (505) 629-6632 Email david.stephens@osa.nm.gov**SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT****APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)**

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY26	FY27		

REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or	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: HM39
Duplicates/Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act

SECTION III: NARRATIVE

BILL SUMMARY

Synopsis:

- Senate Memorial (SM) 17 seeks to enhance statewide coordination and transparency regarding sexual assault examination kit processing.
- Requests the Secretary of Public Safety and the Executive Director of the New Mexico Coalition of Sexual Assault Programs to convene and co-chair a task force to study the current state of sexual assault examination kits in New Mexico.
- Defines task force membership to include the State Auditor and Attorney General (or designees), representatives from regional rape crisis centers and sexual assault nurse examiner (SANE) programs, the statewide SANE coordinator, and representatives from the Department of Public Safety and Albuquerque Police Department.
- Directs the task force to report updates and recommendations to interim and legislative committees dealing with courts, corrections, and justice and to the Legislative Health and Human Services Committee.
- Requests the task force begin meeting in July 2026 but specifies no meeting cadence.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The task force's reporting obligations include:

- Statewide progress in processing sexual assault examination kits to meet timelines defined in Section 30-9-21 NMSA 1978.
- The adequacy of services available to survivors
- Potential solutions to address current challenges in processing sexual assault examination kits
- Legislative recommendations

Producing these reports will result in unplanned costs. However, beyond identifying task force participants, SM17 does not define roles, responsibilities, timing, or frequency associated with the reporting, making costs incurred on individual organizations difficult to estimate.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

Duplicates House Memorial 39.

TECHNICAL ISSUES

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

ALTERNATIVES

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

AMENDMENTS