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AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS – 2026 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: 2/03/2026 *Check all that apply:*
Bill Number: SM17 Original Correction
 Amendment Substitute

Sponsor: Sen. Linda M. Lopez **Agency Name and Code:** 790 – Department of Public Safety
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SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY26	FY27		
NFI	NFI	N/A	N/A

(Parenthesis () indicate expenditure decreases)

REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY26	FY27	FY28		
NFI	NFI	NFI	N/A	N/A

(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	NFI	NFI	NFI	NFI	N/A	N/A

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates/Conflicts with/Companion to/Relates to: 2026 HM-39

Duplicates/Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act

SECTION III: NARRATIVE

BILL SUMMARY

Senate Memorial 17 requests the Secretary of Public Safety and the executive director of NM Coalition of Sexual Assault Programs convene a taskforce to study the current state of sexual assault kits in NM and the progress made on processing backlogged kits. The taskforce will meet beginning in July 2026 and provide reports to the interim legislative committee dealing with courts, corrections, and justice issues and the legislative health and human services committee. Reports will include updates and the taskforce's recommendations.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

No fiscal impact to DPS.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

No significant issues to DPS.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

The task force could support ongoing efforts to track and improve the processing of sexual assault examination kits across the state. It may help identify challenges, strengthen coordination, and prevent future backlogs. In the short term, staff time spent on task force duties could slightly reduce time available for other work, but the overall process may lead to better long-term outcomes and improved services for survivors.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

This memorial would ask the Department of Public Safety (DPS), along with the New Mexico Coalition of Sexual Assault Programs, to organize and lead a task force starting in July 2026. DPS staff would need to help coordinate meetings, gather information, and prepare reports for legislative committees. While no funding is included, the work would add to existing responsibilities for DPS and other participating agencies.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

2026 HM39.

TECHNICAL ISSUES

No technical issues to DPS.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

No other substantive issues to DPS.

ALTERNATIVES

None noted.

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

Status quo will remain.

AMENDMENTS

None at this time.