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**AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS
2026 REGULAR SESSION**

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SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION

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Check all that apply:

Original **Amendment**
Correction **Substitute**

Date Feb. 6, 2026
Bill No: SM 20-280

Sponsor: Linda Lopez; Harold Pope;
Micaelita Debbie O'Malley; Leo
Jaramillo; Shannon Pinto
Short Title: Statewide Youth Violence
Summit

Agency Name and Code LOPD-280
Number: _____
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SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY26	FY27		

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY26	FY27	FY28		

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure 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:
Duplicates/Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act

SECTION III: NARRATIVE

BILL SUMMARY

Synopsis: The memorial requests the Department of Health convene a summit to form a statewide vision for the best way to address “root causes and risk factors” for youth violence. The memorial calls for

- resources targeting research-based violence prevention and intervention services;
- programs for at-risk youth; and
- data collection, tracking and reporting to better understand the issue

with a goal of developing “a comprehensive statewide approach to mitigate youth violence.”

The memorial places the organizational burden on the Department of Health to form a planning group made up of representatives from a variety of agency stakeholders aligned with public health, education, and criminal justice. The memorial urges input from other states and national experts. The memorial invites a final report with findings and recommendations to be presented to the appropriate legislative interim committees by November 1, 2026, and to be distributed to government stakeholders.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The memorial names the chief public defender as a member of the planning group. However, the fiscal impact of participation by the chief or his designee would not likely create an identifiable fiscal impact on the LOPD budget overall. Ultimately, the outcome of the planning group could result in a reduction of both youth violence and adult criminal behavior stemming from the same root causes, and could have a long-term reduction on fiscal need across the criminal justice system.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

Punitive responses to youth crime have little deterrent effect and ultimately often solidify the psychological underpinnings of antisocial behaviors, creating a significantly increased likelihood of adult criminal behaviors. An approach focused on prevention and intervention could provide lasting transformation that actually reduces juvenile antisocial behavior, and ultimately criminal behavior. The goals of the memorial are the kind of approach to violence that can have tangible and lasting effects improving public safety.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

TECHNICAL ISSUES

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

ALTERNATIVES

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

AMENDMENTS