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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:** 2/13/2026 *Check all that apply:*  
**Bill Number:** SM 27 Original  Correction   
 Amendment  Substitute

**Sponsor:** Sen. Steinborn, Sen. Charley, Sen. Shendo, Sen. Pinto, Sen. Pope **Agency Name and Code** Indian Affairs Department 60900  
**Short** Impact of Radiation Exposure **Number:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT**

**APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)**

Appropriation		Recurring	Fund Affected
FY26	FY27		

**REVENUE (dollars in thousands)**

Estimated Revenue			Recurring	Fund Affected
FY26	FY27	FY28		

(Parenthesis ( ) indicate revenue decreases)

**ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)**

	<b>FY26</b>	<b>FY27</b>	<b>FY28</b>	<b>3 Year Total Cost</b>	<b>Recurring or Nonrecurring</b>	<b>Fund Affected</b>
<b>Total</b>	No Fiscal Impact	60.0	60.0	120.0	Recurring	Gen Fund

(Parenthesis ( ) indicate revenue 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 acknowledges the impact of radiation exposure on the uranium workers and residents of New Mexico. It points to the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act, passed by Congress, which provided a one-time payment of \$100,000 to eligible persons or survivors. This memorial asks for New Mexico to acknowledge the harm of radiation exposure. The Aging and Long-Term Services Department (ALTSD), the Veterans' Services Department (DVS) and the Indian Affairs Department (IAD) are requested to work together with community-based organizations, tribal governments and local governments to conduct outreach and education and provide technical assistance so that eligible individuals are aware of and supported in applying for compensation under the federal Radiation Exposure Compensation Act before the December 31, 2027 deadline.

**FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

Legislative Memorials do not contain appropriations.

The memorial requests IAD to provide outreach services, as well as education and technical assistance. This could require additional FTE at IAD to meet the requirements of the memorial.

**SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

The memorial calls for ALTSD, DVS and IAD “to collaborate community-based organizations, tribal governments and local governments” to conduct outreach, education, and technical supports. IAD supports including tribal governments in matters that directly impact Nations, Pueblos, and Tribes.

**PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS**

The memorial will required IAD to provide technical assistance and conduct outreach and education to the public.

**ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

**CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP**

**TECHNICAL ISSUES**

**OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES**

**ALTERNATIVES**

**WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL**

**AMENDMENTS**