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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: 2/18/2026 *Check all that apply:*
Bill Number: SM 29 Original Correction
Amendment Substitute

Sponsor: Sen. Pinto, Sen. Lopez
Short Title: Health Care Barriers & Gaps
Agency Name and Code: Indian Affairs Department 60900
Number: _____
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SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY26	FY27		

REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	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	No Fiscal Impact	No Fiscal Impact	No Fiscal Impact			

(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: SM 29 asks the University of New Mexico Health Sciences Center to work with health care facilities throughout the state to study communication barriers and gaps, particularly as it relates to language access, which prevent effective treatment of patients. The memorial requests strategies to overcome the barriers and gaps.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

Legislative Memorials do not contain appropriations. There are no fiscal implications to IAD.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

While Indian Affairs Department (IAD) does not have direct involvement with the work group, IAD agrees that New Mexicans should have language access in their healthcare. It is unclear whether this memorial will address that issue.

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