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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR: Vaughn DATE TYPED: 02/04/03 HB HM 4

SHORT TITLE: Direct Care Staff Recognition SB _____

ANALYST: Dunbar

APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY03	FY04	FY03	FY04		
	NFI				

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates SM 16

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Responses Received From

Health Policy Commission (HPC)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Memorial 4 expresses recognition and appreciation to the Direct Care staff that provides quality community-based specialized services, care and support to individuals in the Developmental Disability Community.

Significant Issues

The Memorial acknowledges that:

- There are more than 27,000 New Mexicans who have mental retardation or other developmental disabilities.
- Persons with developmental disabilities have substantial functional limitations and require specialized, lifelong individualized services and support.
- For more than two decades, individuals with developmental disabilities and mental retardation, and their families, have expressed a growing desire to receive

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community-based and community-integrated services as an alternative to institutional care.

- The *Olmstead* decision affirmed the right of these individuals to receive community-based care.
- The demand for community-based care is growing and that demand will continue to grow as family caregivers age, individuals with mental retardation or developmental disabilities live longer, waiting lists grow and services expand.
- The majority of services for individuals with mental retardation or developmental disabilities are provided by family members and by direct support professionals, who provide a wide range of supportive services.
- High rates of employee vacancies and turnover rates threaten the ability of providers to achieve their core mission, which is the provision of safe and quality support to individuals with mental retardation or developmental disabilities.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The bill does not contain an appropriation.

DUPLICATION

Duplicates SM 16.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

HPC indicates that the combination of the increased demand for community-based services and limited State funding has resulted in approximately a six-year waiting list for those DD Waiver-eligible individuals to receive services.

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