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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 2/2/9

SPONSOR Feldman LAST UPDATED \_\_\_\_\_ HB \_\_\_\_\_

SHORT TITLE New Mexico Telehealth Commission and Purpose SB 286

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### APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY09	FY10		
	NFI		

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

#### Responses Received From

Department of Health (DOH)  
 Department of Information Technology (DoIT)  
 Department of Public Education (PED)  
 Higher Education Department (HED)  
 New Mexico Health Policy Commission (HPC)

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill, New Mexico Telehealth Commission and Purpose, amends Section 24-1G-1 NMSA 1978 to rename the act to the Enhanced Health Care Delivery Commission Act. It changes the purpose to “creating an enhanced health care delivery commission” to “increase access to a broad range of health services for all New Mexicans, especially those in rural areas and those at risk of significant health issues, through health information technology.” It completely rewrites the section on the commission including membership, reducing from 25 to 17 members, and responsibilities.

HPC summarizes the changes as follows:

Commission members shall include:

- Secretaries or their designees from the departments of :
  - Health;

- Human Services;
- Children, Youth and families;
- Aging and Long Term Services;
- Public Education;
- Corrections; and
- Veterans Services and Indian Affairs
- Director of the Interagency Behavioral Health Purchasing Collective;
- Director of the Health Policy Commission;
- CEO of Health Sciences Center at UNM;
- Four public members are appointed by the governor to represent health care practitioners and facilities;
- One member of the House appointed by the speaker of the house; and
- One member of the Senate appointed by the Senate Committees' Committee.

The Commission is to:

- Identify health care programs or services that can be delivered through health information technology;
- Identify barriers to delivery services, including payment mechanism, infrastructure and work force availability and training through health care information technology;
- Encourage coordination of public and private health care delivery;
- Recommend state investment and expenditure strategies to enhance delivery systems through health information technology;
- Recommend health care appropriations and spending priorities; and submit, by September 1 of each year, its findings and recommendations for the improvement of health care delivery through health information technology.

## **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

The bill has no significant direct fiscal impact; however, DoIT comments recommendations from this group may have an impact on its duties as the technology entity for the state enterprise.

## **SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

This is a DOH sponsored bill.

DOH states the bill tasks the Commission with identifying barriers to the delivery of telehealth services and recommending ways to the barriers to linking services to the providers and expanding the number and types available.

The bill tasks HPC to assist DOH to increase access to a broad range of health services through health information technology.

DoIT identifies it is not a member of the new commission.

## **PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS**

The bill is related to the DOH FY10 Strategic Plan.

**TECHNICAL ISSUES**

Revise the commission membership to include DoIT.

**OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES**

Reducing the size of the commission may improve attendance and the ability to have a quorum at meetings.

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