

**LEGISLATIVE EDUCATION STUDY COMMITTEE  
BILL ANALYSIS**

**Bill Number:** HM 50a

**49th Legislature, 2nd Session, 2010**

**Tracking Number:** .181484.2

**Short Title:** Develop Statewide Nursing Education Plan

**Sponsor(s):** Representative Eleanor Chávez

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**AS AMENDED**

**The House Floor amendment:**

- requests that the Center for Nursing Excellence and the Board of Nursing convene a task force composed of representatives from the Higher Education Department, the New Mexico Health Policy Commission, the Department of Health, and institutions of higher learning to assist in the development of a statewide plan for nursing education;
- specifies that the findings of the task force be reported to legislative interim committees; and
- directs that copies of the memorial be transmitted to the appropriate secretaries or directors of the agencies on the task force.

**Original Bill Summary:**

HM 50 requests that the Center for Nursing Excellence (CNE) and the Board of Nursing (BoN) develop a statewide plan for nursing education involving multiple institutions providing nursing education, focusing upon:

- the development of nursing degree programs;
- the development of a statewide curriculum for nursing education;
- a statewide infrastructure for use of simulation and distance education;
- a seamless admission process to nursing school;
- dual enrollment in associate and bachelor's of science in nursing programs;
- early entry into master's of science in nursing or nursing doctorate programs; and
- sharing faculty among nursing educational institutions.

HM 50 further requests the CNE and the Director of the BoN report their findings to the Legislative Health and Human Services Committee and the Legislative Education Study Committee by November 1, 2010.

**Fiscal Impact:**

Legislative memorials do not contain an appropriation.

**Fiscal Issues:**

Memorials requesting that state agencies conduct studies are likely to have a fiscal impact in terms of staff time, travel, office supplies, and other items. This impact could be especially pronounced if the agencies are experiencing budget reductions or staff furloughs.

**Related Bill(s):**

HJM 13 *Track Nursing Education Funding*

HJM 28 *Review Nursing Facility Licensing*

SJM 15 *Study & Replicate Nursing Education Programs*