

**LEGISLATIVE EDUCATION STUDY COMMITTEE
BILL ANALYSIS**

Bill Number: SM 57

50th Legislature, 1st Session, 2011

Tracking Number: .186026.1

Short Title: Native American Early Childhood Program Study

Sponsor(s): Senators Linda M. Lovejoy and Sue Wilson Beffort

Analyst: James Ball

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Bill Summary:

SM 57 requests that the interim Legislative Health and Human Services Committee establish a subcommittee to hear testimony and receive recommendations from agencies and entities knowledgeable about early childhood services, programs, and funding sources in order to identify opportunities for Native American communities to develop an infrastructure of early childhood programs and services. The memorial suggests that testimony be received from the:

- Children, Youth and Families Department;
- Children's Cabinet;
- Indian Affairs Department;
- Office of School and Adolescent Health at the Department of Health;
- Public Education Department;
- New Mexico Voices for Children; and
- Early Childhood Action Network.

Fiscal Impact:

Legislative memorials do not contain appropriations.

Related Bills:

SB 120a *Early Childhood Care & Education Act*

SB 167a *Equal Pre-K Program Appropriations*

SJM 37 *Early Childhood Education Study*

HB 296a *Early Childhood Care and Education Act*