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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

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SHORT TITLE Study Nurse-to-Patient Ratio SM 134

ANALYST Lucero

### ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY15	FY16	FY17	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
<b>Total</b>	NFI	Minimal	NFI	Unknown	Nonrecurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

Senate Memorial 134 directs the New Mexico Legislative Council to convene a Patient Safe Staffing Study Group task force to study nurse-to-patient ratios and support-staff-to-patient ratios at hospitals in New Mexico. The task force shall consider the effect enactment of Senate Bill 284 of the fifty-second legislature, first session, might have currently and in the future on the delivery of safe and appropriate patient care at hospitals in New Mexico.

The task force shall consist of:

- New Mexico Hospital Association,
- District 1199 of the National Union of Hospital and Health Care Employees,
- New Mexico Chapter of the American Nurses Association,
- Committee of Interns and Residents/service Employees International Union Healthcare
- The Secretary of Health

The bill requires the task force solicit input from:

- American association of critical-care nurses
- Association of perioperative registered nurses;
- Oncology nursing society;
- New Mexico emergency nurses association;
- Association of women's health, obstetric and neonatal nurses;
- American psychiatric nurses association;
- American association of neuroscience nurses;

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- Society of gastroenterology nurses and associates;
- Perianesthesia nurses association of New Mexico;
- Rural institutional health care providers;
- Hospitals in New Mexico; and
- Other similar organizations;

The memorial requires the task force to report the results of its studies to the interim legislative health and human services committee and any other appropriate interim legislative committee no later than November 2015 and the report to be available to the public.

**FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

The memorial does not contain an appropriation. However, a minimal administrative cost would be incurred for staff time, meeting location, and printing costs associated with the report.

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