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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

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SHORT TITLE LFC Plan on Inpatient Mental Health ANALYST Esquibel

### APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY18	FY19		
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

#### Responses Received From

Children, Youth and Families Department  
New Mexico Hospital Association

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

House Joint Memorial 2 resolves that the Legislative Finance Committee (LFC) investigate the feasibility of establishing publicly funded inpatient mental health services in Dona Ana County; create a comprehensive implementation plan relating to the establishment of new publicly funded inpatient mental health services; and report on the comprehensive implementation plan to the LFC and interim Legislative Health and Human Services Committee by November 1, 2018.

### FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The memorial does not include an appropriation.

### SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The New Mexico Hospital Association reports two inpatient mental health facilities serve Dona Ana County, and some area hospitals offer inpatient psychiatric care. Proposals have been raised to integrate involuntary mental health commitment capacity into existing facilities and these proposals merit further review.

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The New Mexico Hospital Association notes the shortage of behavioral health services across New Mexico, including but not limited to inpatient mental health capacity in southern New Mexico. The logistics and costs associated with transporting patients to the Department of Health's Behavioral Health Institute in Las Vegas for involuntary mental health commitments underscores these limited resources in the state. Improvements in continuity of care will likely result in improved behavioral health outcomes.

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