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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Thomson/Armstrong ORIGINAL DATE 2/6/18
 LAST UPDATED _____ HM 20

SHORT TITLE Health Insurance Market Stability Task Force SB _____

ANALYST Martinez

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY18	FY19	FY20	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total		See Fiscal Implications	See Fiscal Implications			

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates: Senate Memorial 7

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Office of Superintendent of Insurance

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Memorial 20 (HM20) requests that the Office of Superintendent of Insurance convene a task force to research potential options for stabilizing health insurance premiums and coverage in the individual market. The task force shall report to the Legislative Health and Human Services Committee with recommendations by November 1, 2018. HM20 also states that testimony from stakeholders in the individual health insurance market may be received during the 2018 interim.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

This memorial will have minimal impact on the operating budget of the Superintendent of Insurance. Current employees will be charged with participating on the task force, which may require travel and per diem expenses to perform research and necessary meetings with other entities.

The current employees that would contribute to the task force include staff with significant health insurance legal and fiscal policy analysis expertise that would be necessary to complete a thorough analysis of any potential changes to the health insurance market.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

HM20 also states that the Office of Superintendent of Insurance request representatives from the individual health insurance market consumers, the Human Services Department, other state agencies, the New Mexico Health Insurance Exchange, New Mexico health insurers, the Taxation and Revenue Department, the healthcare consumer advocacy community, and health care providers to participate in the individual health insurance market stability task force and to provide information to the Legislative Health and Human Services Committee.

The Office of Superintendent of Insurance states that this memorial reflects a nation-wide conversation about how to support affordable health care access and specifically addresses changes made by the current federal administration that have impacted enrollment and access to affordable health care.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

HM20 will provide 8 months for the task force to perform research on potential options for stabilizing health insurance premiums and coverage in the individual market.

HM20 does not specify how many members from other entities shall be included, rather it suggests that they be invited by the Office of Superintendent of Insurance. If no other entity is involved, it will only be the Office of Superintendent of Insurance performing the research required by this memorial.

DUPLICATION

HM20 is a duplicate to SM7.

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

A task force will not be convened by the Office of Superintendent of Insurance.

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