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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

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 LAST UPDATED 2/9/2018 HB \_\_\_\_\_

SHORT TITLE Services for Victims of Human Trafficking SM 96/aSPAC

ANALYST Edwards

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

	FY18	FY19	FY20	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
<b>Total</b>	Minimal	Minimal	Minimal	Minimal	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Related to HB 53, HB 205, SB 89, SM 92, and SM 96.

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

#### Responses Received From

Office of the Attorney General (NMAG)  
 Crime Victims Reparation Commission (CVRC)

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of SPAC Amendment

The Senate Public Affairs Committee (SPAC) amendment to Senate Memorial 96 includes other entities that serve victims of trauma as eligible to participate on the task force. The amendment clarifies that the Crime Victims Reparation Commission is the entity responsible for convening and facilitating meetings with stakeholders. The amendment adds a representative of stakeholders who receive state funding for serving or working on human trafficking issues to the membership of the task force. Finally, the amendment includes developing priorities as a mission of the task force.

#### Synopsis of Original Bill

The memorial tasks the Crime Victims Reparation Commission (CVRC) with convening a task force on human trafficking, in collaboration with the Attorney General (NMAG) and the New Mexico Tribal Task Force on Human Trafficking, to develop strategies and policies to improve services for victims around the state.

The task force should include members with expertise in human trafficking policy development, services, and advocacy for victims and issues specifically affecting Native Americans and immigrant populations.

The task force will report on progress to the interim Health and Human Services and the Courts, Corrections and Justice committees on or before December 1, 2018 and present a final report on or before December 1, 2019.

### **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

CVRC believes the memorial will have no fiscal impact. However, it can be assumed the bill will have an operating budget impact. The commission may have to retain a contractor or additional staff to coordinate the work of the task force if the commission does not have the available staffing resources.

### **SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

Victims of human trafficking are hidden populations that are underserved and do not normally reach out for services. In FY16, CVRC received an appropriation of \$125 thousand in Section 4 of Laws of 2015, Chapter 101, earmarked for “support, advocacy and services for victims of human trafficking.” However, the language “of human trafficking” was vetoed. Despite the veto, CVRC agreed to assist victims of human trafficking, along with domestic violence and sexual assault victims. Laws of 2016, Chapter 11, included a \$125 thousand nonreverting special appropriation for victims of human trafficking, sexual assault, and domestic violence. With the funding received to date, CVRC has assisted 75 victims of human trafficking, sexual assault and domestic violence. No funding was allocated for these specific purposes in the 2017 legislative session.

In FY18, CVRC contracted with five non-profit organizations to administer the funds in order to expedite anticipated expenses to victims of human trafficking, sexual assault, and domestic violence. CVRC usually reimburses victims for expenses they have incurred as a result of victimization. In working with service providers, CVRC learned accessing the funds immediately was necessary for relocation, rental assistance, transportation, medical, dental, and counseling assistance.

In order to address the needs of human trafficking victims, sexual assault, and domestic violence victims, CVRC created a specialized procedure to access and administer this funding. Service providers who assist human trafficking victims are concerned that the majority of this funding will be utilized primarily by sexual assault and domestic violence victims leaving victims of human trafficking victims underserved.

### **CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP**

Related to HB 53, HB 205, SB 89, SM 92, and SM 96.

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