

AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS  
2024 REGULAR SESSION

WITHIN 24 HOURS OF BILL POSTING, EMAIL ANALYSIS TO:  
[LFC@NMLEGIS.GOV](mailto:LFC@NMLEGIS.GOV)  
and  
[DFA@STATE.NM.US](mailto:DFA@STATE.NM.US)

**SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION**

*Check all that apply:*

**Original**  **Amendment**  
**Correction**  **Substitute**

**Date Prepared:** 2024-01-23  
**Bill No:** HM10

**Sponsor(s)** Tara Jaramillo  
: Eleanor Chávez  
Meredith A. Dixon  
Harry Garcia  
Gail Armstrong

**Agency Name** CYFD 69000  
**and Code**  
**Number:**

**Person Writing** Drew Roybal-Chavez  
**Analysis:**

**Short** FOSTER CHILDREN TASK  
**Title:** FORCE

**Phone:** 5055385451

**Email:** Drew.Roybal-  
Chavez@cyfd.nm.gov

**SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT**

**APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)**

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY24	FY25		
\$0	\$0		

**REVENUE (dollars in thousands)**

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY24	FY25	FY26		
\$0	\$0	\$0		

**ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATION BUDGET (dollars in thousands)**

	<b>FY24</b>	<b>FY25</b>	<b>FY26</b>	<b>3 Year Total Cost</b>	<b>Recurring or Nonrecurring</b>	<b>Fund Affected</b>
<b>Total</b>		1.1K	1.1K	2.2K	Recurring	General Fund

Duplicates/Conflicts with/Companion to/Relates to:

Duplicates/Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation

Act:

**SECTION III: NARRATIVE**

**BILL SUMMARY**

Synopsis: This HM requests that the Children Youth and Families Department (CYFD) and the Health Care Authority (HCA) convene a joint task force to make immediate and long-term strategy recommendations to the legislature to solve the acute crisis of foster children sleeping in state office buildings.

The task force is to be convened by the Secretary of CYFD and the Secretary of HCA to help remedy the minimal behavioral health services and residential treatment facilities for older foster youth. In addition, the joint task force will identify methods to recruit and retain trauma-informed foster parents who can care for older youth with mental and behavioral challenges.

**FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

There would be a fiscal impact. At least one staff member will be required to pull together the information gathered, analyze data, and prepare a report for the legislature.

Because there is no funding appropriated to CYFD for HM10, CYFD and HCA will be required to use their current budget and employees to staff this task force. The duties of this task force would be in addition to the work that these employees are currently responsible for. The bill as written doesn't state how many meetings there would be a year. For the purposes of this analysis, CYFD estimates an average of 12 meetings a year. This would cost CYFD \$1.1 thousand to send one staff member to each meeting.

**SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

CYFD currently collaborates with HCA to work toward a solution to mitigate the lack of behavioral health services and residential treatment facilities within the state. CYFD is utilizing ARPA funding to support the development of additional behavioral health services, including RTCs and acute care for older youth in CYFD custody who need behavioral health care. In addition, CYFD and HCA have established a TFC Workgroup and a Specialized Foster Care Workgroup, which are already collaborating to address these issues. CYFD and HCA discuss strategies for building out service array in these areas during these workgroups. During these workgroups, CYFD and HCA not only discuss systemic barriers and possible solutions, but also create plans to address discrete issues pertaining to youth, including youth staying in offices. Another task force will be duplicative of the already existing work groups and will prolong implementing results.

Finally, the HM does not identify a time for the task force to convene, the frequency or cadence of these meetings, the necessary participants, or the expected date of delivery of the immediate and long-term strategy recommendations to the legislature to solve the acute crisis of foster children sleeping in state office buildings.

**PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS**

Duplicating an already existing structure will result in unnecessary increase in workload and prolong implementation of solutions.

**ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

See Fiscal Impact section above.

**CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP**

None.

**TECHNICAL ISSUES**

None.

**OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES**

None.

**ALTERNATIVES**

None.

**WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL**

None.

**AMENDMENTS**

None.