

**LFC Requester:**

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**AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS  
2024 REGULAR SESSION**

**SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION**

*{Indicate if analysis is on an original bill, amendment, substitute or a correction of a previous bill}*

*Check all that apply:*

**Original**      X      **Amendment**    \_\_\_\_\_  
**Correction**    \_\_\_\_\_    **Substitute**    \_\_\_\_\_

**Date Prepared:**    01/29/2024

**Bill No:**    SB 224

**Sponsor:**    Katy Duhigg

**Short Title:**    Health Care Consolidation Oversight

**Agency Name and Code Number:**    305 – New Mexico Department of Justice

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**SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT**

**APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)**

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY24	FY25		
	\$1,500,000.00	Nonrecurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

**REVENUE (dollars in thousands)**

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY24	FY25	FY26		

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**ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (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>						

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Duplicates/Conflicts with/Companion to/Relates to:  
 Duplicates/Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act

**SECTION III: NARRATIVE**

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**BILL SUMMARY**

Synopsis:

Senate Bill (“SB”) 224 appropriates \$1.5 million from the general fund to the Superintendent of Insurance (the “Superintendent”) to cover expenses associated with implementing the Health Care Consolidation Oversight Act. This appropriation would be contingent on the passing of Senate Bill 15, which proposes to enact the Health Care Consolidation Oversight Act.

Under Senate Bill 15, the Superintendent is required to review and approve certain proposed health care transactions of health care entities in the state, including mergers, acquisitions, and changes in ownership. The appropriation in Senate Bill 224 would be used by the Superintendent for personnel, contracts, and other expenses.

**FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

SB 224 proposes to appropriate \$1.5 million from the general fund to the Superintendent to be used during fiscal years 2024 and 2025. Senate Bill 15 (which would enact the Health Care Consolidation Oversight Act) contains an emergency enactment clause upon signature, which would allow certain funds to be spent during fiscal year 2024. Any amount of the appropriation existing at the end of fiscal year 2025 shall revert back to the general fund.

**SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

None noted.

**PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS**

None noted.

**ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

None noted.

**CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP**

Senate Bill 224 provides an appropriation for the Health Care Consolidation Oversight Act

proposed in Senate Bill 15.

**TECHNICAL ISSUES**

None noted.

**OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES**

None noted.

**ALTERNATIVES**

None noted.

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

If Senate Bill 224 is not enacted, then no appropriation will be granted to the Superintendent to carry out the administration of the Health Care Consolidation Oversight Act.

**AMENDMENTS**

None noted.