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AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS - 2025 REGULAR SESSION**WITHIN 24 HOURS OF BILL POSTING, UPLOAD ANALYSIS TO****[AgencyAnalysis.nmlegis.gov](https://agencyanalysis.nmlegis.gov) and email to billanalysis@dfa.nm.gov*****(Analysis must be uploaded as a PDF)*****SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION***{Indicate if analysis is on an original bill, amendment, substitute or a correction of a previous bill}***Date Prepared:** February 18, 2025 *Check all that apply:***Bill Number:** HB 76 HCPAC sub Original ☐ Correction ☐
Amendment ☐ Substitute ☒**Agency Name****and Code**

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Number:**Sponsor:** Rep. Thomson**Short** Congenital Heart Disease**Person Writing** Kelly O'Donnell**Title:** Tests for Infants**Phone:** 505-659-5702 **Email** kodonnell@unm.edu**SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT****APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)**

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY25	FY26		

(Parenthesis () indicate expenditure decreases)

REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY25	FY26	FY27		

(Parenthesis () indicate revenue decreases)

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY25	FY26	FY27	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total						

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

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

SECTION III: NARRATIVE

BILL SUMMARY

Synopsis:

The House Consumer and Public Affairs Committee substitute for HB 76 replaces mandatory echocardiograms and electrocardiograms for any infant with a documented or suspected familial history of congenital heart problems with a requirement for “further evaluation if a health care provider determines further evaluation is necessary based on a screening that uses a standard questionnaire developed by the department to evaluate whether a newborn had an abnormal fetal ultrasound or has any diagnosed systemic or genetic disorders associated with heart disease or a family history of suspected congenital heart problems as suggested by a long list of indications.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The House Consumer And Public Affairs Committee substitute for HB 76 decreases some of the ambiguity and inefficiency of the original bill, but will still increase the strain on the current healthcare system without providing benefits to the community or the target population.

Feedback from New Mexico’s pediatric cardiology community indicates strong opposition to both the original and substitute bills. They also note that the American Academy of Pediatrics and the American College of Cardiology have voiced opposition to both versions of this legislation.

The screening questionnaire required in the substitute bill is adapted from sports screenings for older children. These screening are not designed for or appropriate for newborns. Legislating an additional screening may increase unnecessary referrals and transport of newborns for echocardiograms.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

TECHNICAL ISSUES

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

ALTERNATIVES

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

AMENDMENTS