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## AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS - 2025 REGULAR SESSION

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### SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION

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Date Prepared: 3/11/2025 Check all that apply:  
Bill Number: HM 53 Original ☒ Correction ☐  
Amendment ☐ Substitute ☐

Sponsor: Pamelya Herndon Agency Name and Code House Memorial 53  
Short Title: Alzheimer's Disease Research and Funding Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
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### SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT

#### APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY25	FY26		
\$0	\$0	\$0	

(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

<b>Total</b>		24,043	24,043	72,129	Recurring	GF
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(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**

House Memorial 53 (HM53) requests the Department of Health (DOH) and the Aging and Long-Term Services Department (ALTSD) collaborate with the New Mexico Chapter of Alzheimer's Association to use evidence-based research regarding brain health to update public health education, outreach programs, and campaigns.

Additionally, HM53 requests that the DOH and ALTSD seek and obtain funds and resources from the federal administration on aging through the federal administration's Alzheimer's disease programs initiative and any other federal programs, funds or resources that may be available.

HM53 requires that DOH and ALTSD work together to produce, a report on outcomes of efforts to update and disseminate evidence-based research regarding Alzheimer's disease.

#### **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

There is no appropriation in HM 53. Both DOH and ALTSD will need to utilize current staff and resources to achieve the considerable requirements detailed in HM 53. The Departments would also have to utilize general fund dollars for education, outreach campaigns and staff time. Utilizing 20% of an ALTSD FTE pay band 80, at FY25 rates, salary and benefits would cost an estimated \$24,043 per year.

Further, definitive education and outreach campaign costs associated with the requirements of HM53 are unknown at this time. However, in FY24 ALTSD partnered with the Alzheimer's association national office and spent \$75,000 for education, outreach and community forums and in FY25, ALTSD has committed \$400,000 in working media for statewide awareness, education and outreach for Alzheimer's disease.

#### **SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

"Aging is the biggest known risk factor for Alzheimer's."<sup>i</sup> In 2024, Alzheimer's disease and other dementia would likely cost the nation three hundred sixty billion dollars (\$360,000,000,000), and the costs could rise to one trillion dollars (\$1,000,000,000,000) by the year 2050 as noted in HM53. Currently, as stated in HM 53, there are more than 46,000 people living in New Mexico with Alzheimer's disease. This figure is likely to continue to rise as the number of New Mexicans aged 65 and older is expected to increase by 28% over the next 20 years.<sup>ii</sup> Also, the number of New Mexicans 85 years and older will more than double over the next 20 years.<sup>iii</sup> By 2030, New Mexico will move from the 29<sup>th</sup> highest ranking to the 4<sup>th</sup> highest in the nation for total senior population

per capital.<sup>iv</sup>

ALTSD currently administers the Lifespan Respite grant which is a federal grant that is targeted at providing outreach, education and respite to caregivers who are providing care for individual who have Alzheimer's disease and associated conditions. Specifically, ALTSD has partnered with the Memory Care Alliance who is providing Prepare to Care workshops and community forums which provide caregiver education and promote connection among the caregiver community.

ALTSD is currently partnering with Alzheimer's association and just launched the "Take Action. Talk" which is a campaign that will feature billboards, digital ads, and online content to educate the public about Alzheimer's warning signs, treatments and caregiver.

Therefore, some of the requirements contained within HM53 are duplicative of what is being provided by ALTSD directly or indirectly through partnership.

## **PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS**

HM53 requires a report of efforts but does not include information on when that report should be produced.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

ALTSD strongly recognizes and supports the need for the dissemination of updated evidence-based information as it relates to Alzheimer's disease. However, given that there is no appropriation contained within the memorial, the requirements of HM53 may put a strain on ALTSD resources.

ALTSD's Office of Alzheimer's & Dementia Care created New Mexico's current State Plan for Alzheimer's and Other Dementia for the period of 2022-2025. If legislation passes, HM053 will be integrated into the OADC State Plan for 2026 – 2029.

Further, HM53 does not consider or address the need for evidence-based research for assurance of culturally appropriate outreach and education.

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

### **TECHNICAL ISSUES**

HM53 does not specify a lead Department to obtain federal funding or lead for integration of outreach and education.

### **OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES**

### **ALTERNATIVES**

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

By not enacting HM53, there is a missed opportunity to address brain health through evidence-based research in outreach and preventative education. Increased understanding will reduce risk,

create awareness of warning signs, and provide resources and support to caregivers.

As stated in HM53, in 2024, Alzheimer's disease and other dementia would likely cost the nation three hundred sixty billion dollars (\$360,000,000,000), and the costs could rise to one trillion dollars (\$1,000,000,000,000) by the year 2050.

## AMENDMENTS

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<sup>i</sup> "What causes Alzheimer's Disease?," National Institute on Aging. <https://www.nia.nih.gov/health/alzheimers-causes-and-risk-factors/what-causes-alzheimers-disease>,

<sup>ii</sup> [New Mexico Population Projections: An aging population and minimal growth | UNM UCAM Newsroom](#)

<sup>iii</sup> *Id.*

<sup>iv</sup> <https://www.nmhealth.org/news/awareness/2024/9/?view=2126>