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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR	Martinez	ORIGINAL DATE 2/ LAST UPDATED	/18/9 HB	
SHORT TITI	E Study C	ounty Detention Health Care Services	S SJM	7
			ANALYST	Chabot

Relates to SB 61, Reimbursement for Health Care in Jail HB 104, Reimburse Counties for Felon Health Care

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY09	FY10	FY11	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
Total		\$25.0		\$25.0	Non- Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

<u>Responses Received From</u> Department of Finance and Administration (DFA) Department of Health (DOH) New Mexico Corrections Department (NMCD) New Mexico Health Policy Commission (HPD)

<u>Responses Not Received From</u> Association of Counties

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Joint Memorial 7 resolves that

- HPC study the potential for statewide purchase of health care services for county detention facilities,
- HPC study the feasibility of an agency of state government administering a statewide program of health care service delivery for county detention facilities,
- HPC identify potential revenue sources to fund a statewide program, and
- HPC present the findings to the interim Legislative Health and Human Services Committee by November 1, 2010.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The joint memorial has no appropriation; however, there will be costs for meeting facilities,

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travel, supplies, postage and publishing. The LFC estimates these costs to be approximately \$25 thousand. These costs would have to be paid from the HPC FY09 and FY10 operating budgets.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

In the past year, HPC convened a task force and developed recommendations as a result of Senate Memorial 48, County Inmate Health Provider Reimbursement. It states this opened the dialogue on the provision of healthcare services to individuals in county detention. A challenge facing county detention facilities is to provide quality care at the lowest possible cost. States surrounding New Mexico are using some combination of the following strategies: managed health care; fixed payment; and inmate co-payments.

NMCD states the memorial will have minimal impact of the agency. However, it points out an issue at the state level that there is no agency responsible for insuring proper health care for inmates. It is considered a county responsibility. The Association of Counties did not reply to a request for an assessment of the joint memorial.

DFA expresses concern that "Budget constraints are a major issue for the commission that could hinder results of a new study."

DOH expresses that "County detention facilities are legally and fiscally responsible for the health care of inmates" and each county independently enters into relations with health care providers.

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