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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Ortiz y Pino ORIGINAL DATE 02/05/17 HB _____
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SHORT TITLE Study Direct Care Workforce SJM 6/aHHHC
ANALYST Boerner

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY17	FY18	FY19	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total		NFI	NFI	NFI		

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

SUMMARY

Synopsis of House Health and Human Services Committee Amendment:

The HHHC amendment clarifies that the committee receiving the task force reports is the *interim* Legislative Health and Human Services Committee.

Synopsis of Original Bill:

Senate Joint Memorial 6 (SJM6) would require the New Mexico Direct Care Coalition to convene a task force to study direct care programs in the state Medicaid program and make recommendations to ensure the state is in compliance with federal laws and to promote a stable and growing workforce to meet the needs of New Mexico's seniors and persons with disabilities who need long-term services and support to live independently in their communities.

The task force should include representatives of the Human Services Department; Department of Health; Aging and Long-Term Services Department; Workforce Solutions Department; and other organizations and individuals who are, or represent, New Mexico direct-care workers and agencies.

The task force requested to submit the first of two reports the Legislative Health and Human Services Committee by October 1, 2017.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

None noted.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

According to its website, the New Mexico Direct Care Coalition was formed in 2009 as a registered 501(c)(6) organization in direct response to caregiver worker shortages, few to no benefits they receive, little training and little to no recognition for those working in the field. The Coalition is led by a Board representative of all regions of New Mexico, the variety of occupations within the field and the variety of populations served by caregivers. Coalition membership is open to any person whose primary occupation is as a direct caregiver. Administrative management is provided by an Executive Director and a Program Manager.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

SJM 6 provides no appropriation and assumes the task force can perform the described duties within the available resources of the New Mexico Direct Care Coalition and other task force members.

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