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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR	<u>Hickey/Ortiz y Pino/Stefanics</u>	LAST UPDATED	<u>2/23/23</u>
	<u>Legislative Health & Human Services</u>	ORIGINAL DATE	<u>2/1/2023</u>
SHORT TITLE	<u>Committee</u>	BILL NUMBER	<u>Senate Bill 263/aSRC</u>
		ANALYST	<u>Leger</u>

APPROPRIATION* (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY23	FY24		
	\$350.0	Recurring	General Fund

Parentheses () indicate expenditure decreases.

*Amounts reflect most recent analysis of this legislation.

Sources of Information

LFC Files

SUMMARY

Synopsis of SRC Amendment

The SRC amendment for SB263 strikes the word “assistants” and replaces it with “assistance” in item B of Section 3. The amendment also strikes Section 4 giving the Legislative Health and Human Services (LHHS) Committee the power to conduct hearings and administer oaths and renumbers the remaining sections accordingly. The amendment also strikes “other state agency,” which limits the list of agencies mandated to comply with requests for information. Finally, the amendment strikes reversion language calling for any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2024 to revert to the general fund.

Synopsis of Original Bill

Senate Bill 263 appropriates \$350 thousand from the general fund to Legislative Council Service for the purpose of providing year-round staff to the Legislative Health and Human Services Committee and amending sections of Section 2-13 NMSA.

This bill does not contain an effective date and, as a result, would go into effect June 16, 2023, (90 days after the Legislature adjourns) if signed into law.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$350 thousand contained in this bill, as amended, is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY24 shall

not revert to the general fund.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The amendment to SB236 striking reverting language is in conflict with the customary practice of the other permanent joint legislative committees to revert unexpended and unencumbered expenses at the end of each fiscal year.

SB263 adds language indicating members of the standing Legislative Health and Human Services Committee (LHHS) include members of the House Health and Human Services Committee and the Senate Health and Public Affairs Committee or future legislative standing committees that consider health and human services affairs.

Furthermore, the bill amends the duties of the committee to have a director to direct the work of LHHS through monitoring and oversight of programs, agencies, policies, issues, needs, statutes, constitutional provisions, regulations, and court decisions.

The bill creates the position of director of LHHS to be hired by Legislative Council Service (LCS) to serve at the pleasure LHHS. Office space, supplies, equipment, and assistants are to be provided by LCS. The salary of the director shall be set by LCS. LCS shall also provide an associate director of LHHS and contract for services related to healthcare delivery and financing, behavioral healthcare, health data information technology systems, or grant writing, as needed.

Two sections are added to Section 4, Chapter 2: the power to conduct hearings and administer oaths and compliance with requests for information.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

Additional operational funds for interim legislative agencies, including LHHS were funded in Laws 2023, Chapter 1.

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