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**AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS - 2025 REGULAR SESSION**

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**SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION**

*{Indicate if analysis is on an original bill, amendment, substitute or a correction of a previous bill}*

**Date Prepared:** 2/21/25 *Check all that apply:*  
**Bill Number:** HB 503 Original  Correction   
 Amendment  Substitute

**Sponsor:** T. Lujan/P. Herndon **Agency Name and Code:** NM CVRC/ 78000  
**Short Title:** Domestic Relations Mediation Program **Number:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT**

**APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)**

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY25	FY26		
0	0	n/a	n/a

(Parenthesis ( ) indicate expenditure decreases)

**REVENUE (dollars in thousands)**

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY25	FY26	FY27		
0	0	0	n/a	n/a

(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>	0	0	0	0	n/a	n/a

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates/Conflicts with/Companion to/Relates to: *HB 57*  
Duplicates/Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act : n/a

### **SECTION III: NARRATIVE**

#### **BILL SUMMARY**

*The bill gives parents the right to a lawyer in consultations, mediation, and evaluations held as part of the courts Domestic Relations Mediation Programs..*

*Synopsis: The bill creates a right to legal representation in the Domestic Relations Mediation Programs of the NM courts.*

#### **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

*None for CVRC.*

Note: major assumptions underlying fiscal impact should be documented.

Note: if additional operating budget impact is estimated, assumptions and calculations should be reported in this section.

#### **SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

*Domestic abuse survivors in particular need representation after experiencing the psychological trauma of physical and/or emotional abuse. Additional resources for these cases will improve access to justice.*

#### **PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS**

*None noted.*

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

*None noted.*

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

*HB 57 provides for attorneys in domestic abuse cases.*

#### **TECHNICAL ISSUES**

*None noted.*

#### **OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES**

*None noted.*

#### **ALTERNATIVES**

*None suggested.*

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

*Litigants and participants in the DR courts will often be unrepresented and will inadequately present their cases to the courts.*

#### **AMENDMENTS**

*None suggested.*