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**AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS - 2025 REGULAR SESSION**

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[AgencyAnalysis.nmlegis.gov](http://AgencyAnalysis.nmlegis.gov) and email to [billanalysis@dfa.nm.gov](mailto:billanalysis@dfa.nm.gov)*(Analysis must be uploaded as a PDF)***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: HB531Original  Correction Amendment  Substitute Sponsor: Rep. Tara LujanShort Title: Santa Fe College of OsteopathicMedicine FundAgency Name  
and Code HCA 630

Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY25	FY26		
\$0.0	\$0.0	NA	NA

(Parenthesis ( ) indicate expenditure decreases)

**REVENUE (dollars in thousands)**

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY25	FY26	FY27		
\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	NA	NA

(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	\$0.0	\$0.0	NA	NA

(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**

Synopsis: House Bill (HB) 531 creates an unencumbered Santa Fe College of Osteopathic Medicine Escrow Fund, transfers \$40 million from the tobacco settlement permanent fund to it, and will be held in escrow until the graduation of the first class of medical students and the full accreditation of the college, or no later than July 1, 2032, then the balance of fund must be transferred to the tobacco settlement permanent fund. The Santa Fe College of Osteopathic Medicine is to submit data annually to the Higher Education Department for the first five years of operation that includes the number of applications received, the number of students accepted, the number of students with passing grades each semester, the number of students who return each semester, the number of students who graduate on time, and a list of residency placements.

#### **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

HB 531 creates an unencumbered Santa Fe College of Osteopathic Medicine Escrow Fund and transfers \$40 millions from the tobacco settlement permanent fund to it. This bill has no fiscal impact to the Medicaid program.

#### **SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

Physician shortages continue exist throughout the state. According to the Rural Health Information Hub (<https://www.ruralhealthinfo.org/charts/5?state=NM>), almost all counties in the state are designated as a Primary Care Health Professional Shortage area.

A new osteopathic medicine school in Santa Fe would increase the number of medical students trained in New Mexico. Locally trained students are more likely to stay in the state especially if residency opportunities align with their training.

#### **PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS**

None

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

None

No IT impact.

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

None

#### **TECHNICAL ISSUES**

None

#### **OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES**

None

#### **ALTERNATIVES**

None

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

Status Quo

**AMENDMENTS**