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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}

Click all that apply: Original X Amendment Correction Substitute		_ _	Date 2025-02-21 Bill No : HB579			
Sponsor:	Jones, Jenifer	Agency Name and Code Number:	NM	HED		
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SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropr	iation	Recurring	Fund Affected	
FY25	FY26	or Nonrecurring		
\$0.0	\$1,200.00	Nonrecurring	General Fund	

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

Estimated Revenue			Recurring	Fund	
FY25	FY26	FY27	or Nonrecurring	Affected	

N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY25	FY26	FY27	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

(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

House Bill 579 (HB579) creates New Mexico Resident Physician Recruitment Program providing funding for University of New Mexico (UNM) resident physicians to do rotations at non-UNM hospitals and clinics within the state in order to be exposed to broader recruitment opportunities.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

HB579 appropriates one million two hundred dollars (\$1,200,000) from the General Fund to the Board of Regents of the UNM for expenditure in FY26 for funding non-UNM residency options within the state to broaden recruitment opportunities. Any unexpended or unencumbered balances at the end of FY26 shall revert to the General Fund.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

HB579 creates the Resident Physician Recruitment Program within the Graduate Medical Education (GME) office at UNM. GME office shall administer the program and allocate funding for:

• Up to two weeks per year of supervised rotation at non-UNM hospitals and clinics in the state, and

• Resident salaries, cost of living stipends, medical malpractice insurance, and travel reimbursement.

Hospitals and clinics participating in the program shall:

- Provide adequate learning environments for resident physicians,
- Designate a licensed physician mentor to oversee the resident clinical activities, and
- Adhere to resident work hour restrictions required by the national accreditation body for GME.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

N/A

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

GME office shall, no later than January 1, 2026, conduct an annual survey of participating hospitals, clinics, and residents to assess program outcomes and provide a report to the legislature.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

N/A

TECHNICAL ISSUES

N/A

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

N/A

ALTERNATIVES

N/A

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

N/A

AMENDMENTS

N/A