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**AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS - 2025 REGULAR SESSION**

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[AgencyAnalysis.nmlegis.gov](https://www.nmlegis.gov/AgencyAnalysis) 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:** February 3, 2025 *Check all that apply:*  
**Bill Number:** SB238 Original  Correction   
 Amendment  Substitute

**Sponsor:** Mimi Stewart **Agency Name and Code** Office of Broadband Access and Expansion - 36100  
Appropriation for Youth Behavioral Prevention Project **Number:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT****APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)**

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY25	FY26		
\$1,450	\$0	Nonrecurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis ( ) indicate expenditure decreases)

**REVENUE (dollars in thousands)**

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY25	FY26	FY27		
0	0	0		

(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>	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown			

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates/Conflicts with/Companion to/Relates to: N/A  
Duplicates/Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act: HB2

### **SECTION III: NARRATIVE**

#### **BILL SUMMARY**

Synopsis: This bill appropriates \$1.45 million to the Public Education Department to contract for the development and implementation of a multi component digital platform for youth behavioral health prevention.

#### **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

The operating impact is unknown as OBAE cannot estimate the burden on the Public Education Department's ability to procure and manage this project.

It is also unknown what fiscal impact the project, once implemented, would have on the schools themselves.

#### **SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

OBAE launched the Statewide Education Network (SEN) in 2024, which connects participant schools and public libraries together to provide scalable, reliable, affordable, and secure internet, while maximizing federal E-rate funding. The SEN provides services of 100Gbps to participants, while many non-participant schools and libraries receive only 10Gbps due to funding constraints and binding multi-year contracts.

Public Schools that are not currently able to participate in the SEN may lack the broadband capacity to utilize a multi-component digital platform, which would limit student ability to access the prevention services developed under the project.

#### **PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS**

OBAE is in the process of addressing cybersecurity through the SEN. Once those protections are in place, it would be possible for the Central Services offered by the SEN to include this project.

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

None.

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

None.

#### **TECHNICAL ISSUES**

The advantage of telehealth services is that they are not restricted by location, which can ameliorate access to providers in New Mexico's current behavioral health care shortage.

However, this project limits the participation to behavioral health care providers who are licensed by the State of New Mexico.

**OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES**

None.

**ALTERNATIVES**

N/A

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

If this appropriation is not made, the proposed project will not be implemented.

**AMENDMENTS**