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**AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS - 2025 REGULAR SESSION****WITHIN 24 HOURS OF BILL POSTING, UPLOAD ANALYSIS TO****[AgencyAnalysis.nmlegis.gov](https://www.legis.nm.gov/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:** 2/21/2025 *Check all that apply:*  
**Bill Number:** SB517 Original  Correction   
 Amendment  Substitute

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**SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT****APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)**

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY25	FY26		
NFI	NFI		

(Parenthesis ( ) indicate expenditure decreases)

**REVENUE (dollars in thousands)**

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

(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>						

(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:

SB 517 appropriates \$100,000.00 from the general fund to the Department of Health to establish a safe infant sleep education and outreach program for FY2026. The program would provide new parents with safe sleep items. Any unexpended funds at the end of FY2026 would revert to the general fund.

#### **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

None

#### **SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

Safe infant sleep is crucial for reducing the risk of Sudden Unexpected Infant Death (SUID), accidental suffocation, and other sleep-related injuries. According to the American Academy of Pediatrics, SUID is the leading cause of injury death in infancy. In New Mexico, between 2015 and 2020, there were 137 sleep related infant deaths, 86% of which were identified as preventable ([NM Department of Health](#)). In 2022, 63% of the unexpected infant deaths reviewed by the New Mexico Child Fatality Review could have been prevented if the family had followed safe sleep practices.

Safe sleep campaigns are effective in educating caregivers about the best practices of preventing SUID and other sleep related deaths or injuries, After the American Academy of Pediatrics recommended that babies sleep on their backs, the rate of sleep related infant deaths sharply declined ([Safe Sleep](#)). Expanding safe sleep education and outreach would help ensure that New Mexico families are aware of the current safe sleep guidelines, and ensure they have access to safe sleep environments for their infants.

#### **PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS**

None. ECECD has historically collaborated with the Department of Health on DOH's safe sleep initiatives. If SB517 passes, ECECD is prepared to assist DOH in a similar cross-agency manner.

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

None.

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

None.

#### **TECHNICAL ISSUES**

None.

#### **OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES**

None.

#### **ALTERNATIVES**

None.

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

The Department of Health would not be appropriated \$100,000.00 for safe sleep education and outreach in fiscal year 2026.

**AMENDMENTS**

None.