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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR:	Jennings, T	DATE TYPED:	02/07/00	HB	
SHORT TITLE:	Health Professions Review Act			SB	318/aSPAC
				ANALYST:	Esquibel

APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY00	FY01	FY00	FY01		
NA					

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates/Conflicts with/Companion to/Relates to

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Board of Nursing

NM Health Policy Commission

Children, Youth and Families Department

Department of Health did not respond

SUMMARY

Synopsis of SPAC Amendments

The Senate Public Affairs Committee amendments to SB318 specify the scope of practice review panel shall submit a written report for the Legislature's review regarding the advantages and disadvantages to changes in the scope of practice for health care professionals.

Synopsis of Bill

The bill proposes to provide a procedure for review of proposed changes to the scope of practice of health professionals licensed by the state.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

The Board of Nursing indicates implementation of the bill would result in increased administrative time and travel resulting in increased costs to health-related agencies.

The bill could have a significant administrative impact and cost on the Department of Health depending on the complexity and number of change of scope of practice proposals the department reviews.

CONFLICT/DUPLICATION/COMPANIONSHIP/RELATIONSHIP

The Board of Nursing indicates SB318 conflicts with the statutory authority of the Board of Nursing which also has the expertise necessary to review scope of practice for nurses. The Board also conducts public hearings.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

The Health Policy Commission indicates there are 19 health profession licensing acts and boards in New Mexico. All of these boards have different statutes which separately specify the scope of practice. HPC indicates the proposed process would use available technical expertise in the licensing board to review scope of practice in conjunction with an independent review panel.

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