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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Rodriguez DATE TYPED 03/01/05 HB \_\_\_\_\_

SHORT TITLE Housing for Persons with Disabilities SB SJM 80

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### APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY05	FY06	FY05	FY06		
	NFI				

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From  
Human Services Department

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

Senate Joint Memorial 80 directs HSD to form a task force to study the State's housing shortages for persons with serious behavioral health diagnoses or other disabling conditions. It will consider the social issues that may contribute to current housing shortages and homelessness among New Mexicans, including: poverty; mental illness; issues regarding the young and the elderly, a person with a police record; and housing shortages for Native American populations.

SJM80 directs the task force to research issues impacting homeless persons and others who lack stable living situations or adequate housing and to recommend solutions. The task force will make recommendations aimed at creating affordable housing for all New Mexicans.

Membership of the task force must be comprised of representation from: the state housing authority, the mortgage finance authority, the behavioral health services division of the department of health, the aging and long-term services department, the interagency behavioral health purchasing collaborative, the protection and advocacy system, consumers and providers.

Significant Issues

Federal regulations do not allow HSD-MAD (Medicaid) to pay for a recipient's housing needs. Medicaid covers specific medical care and services, including behavioral health services to eligible recipients according to "medical necessity."

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