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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

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SPONSOR Gardner LAST UPDATED _____ HB HM 88

SHORT TITLE Health Care Profession Scopes of Practice SB _____

ANALYST Schuss

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY07	FY08		
	NFI		

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

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SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Memorial 88 requests that the Interim Legislative Health and Human Services Committee establish an unbiased and fair process to review scopes of practice of the health care professions.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

House Memorial 88 states that the Legislature seeks objective information on proposed changes to health care scopes of practice or the creation of new scopes of practice. The reasons for scope of practice changes should have a foundational basis within four areas:

- an established history of the practice scope within the profession;
- education and training;
- supporting evidence;
- appropriate regulatory environment

The purpose of any review and subsequent change of any scope of practice is to promote better consumer care across professions and providers, improve access to care and recognize the inevitability of overlapping scopes of practice. Some practice changes are the result of changes already occurring in education or practice due to research, advances in technology and changes in societal health care demands.

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The House of Representatives of the State of New Mexico requests that the Interim Legislative Health and Human Services Committee study and recommend to the Legislature an unbiased and fair process to review proposed changes to scopes of practice of licensed health professions and new health professions requesting licensure.

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