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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Torraco **ORIGINAL DATE** 01/23/14
LAST UPDATED _____ **HB** _____

SHORT TITLE Recognizing “Jaden’s Way” **SM** 8

ANALYST Sandoval

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY14	FY15		
NFI			

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Memorial 8 (SM 8) recognizes “Jaden’s Way” as the quest for better health care and social supports for high-need individuals, who are denied care on the basis of their physical and behavioral conditions, in honor of Jaden Fawver, his parents, Jessica and Josh Baumeister, and the rest of Jaden’s family.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

No fiscal impact.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

Jaden Fawyer was a young New Mexican who lived with multiple, complex physical and behavioral conditions and he and his family were faced with great challenges finding facilities that could handle his severe medical conditions. The state’s public healthcare management and payment infrastructure was at times unresponsive to Jaden’s and his family’s needs. Tragically, Jaden passed away on January 7, 2012 at the age of ten years.

Jaden’s story of struggle for essential care is not the only of its kind. There are individuals in New Mexico whose physical and behavioral health conditions make it difficult for them to find the health care and social supports they desperately need. The families of these individuals often feel helpless as they confront the challenges in providing round-the-clock care in dangerous and exhausting situations.

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Copies of SM 8 will be sent to Jessica and Josh Baumeister, the governor, the secretary of Children Youth and Families, the secretary of Department of Health and the secretary of Human Services Department.

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