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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

**SPONSOR** Stewart **ORIGINAL DATE** 1/27/16 **LAST UPDATED** 2/6/16 **HB** \_\_\_\_\_

**SHORT TITLE** NM Health Care Workforce Committee Report **SB** 150/aSPAC

**ANALYST** Chilton

### APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

| Appropriation |         | Recurring<br>or Nonrecurring | Fund<br>Affected |
|---------------|---------|------------------------------|------------------|
| FY16          | FY17    |                              |                  |
|               | \$300.0 | Recurring                    | General Fund     |

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

University of New Mexico Health Science Center (UNM HSC)

Responses not Received From

Department of Health (DOH)

Higher Education Department (HED)

### SUMMARY

Synopsis of Senate Public Affairs Committee Amendment

This amendment clarifies the intent of the appropriation to encompass the work and data collection needed for preparing the annual report of the NM Health Care Workforce Committee.

Synopsis of Original Bill

This bill, NM Health Care Workforce Committee Report, appropriates \$300,000 from the General Fund to the Board of Regents of the UNM HSC for the purpose of funding the data gathering, preparation and production of the New Mexico Health Care Workforce’s 2016 annual report.

**FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

The appropriation of \$300,000 contained in this bill is a recurring expense to General Fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of Fiscal Year 2017 shall revert to the General Fund.

**SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

The functioning of and annual report from the New Mexico Health Care Workforce Committee rely on authority granted to the committee beginning with the New Mexico Health Care Workforce Data Collection, Analysis and Policy Act of 2011, with subsequent amendments designating UNM HSC as the location where the committee would be organized and data collected and analyzed. UNM HSC indicates that the work that has been done by the Workforce Committee has been considered of importance in the alleviation of health care shortages, which have been prevalent in most parts of New Mexico. To this point, most of the work has been performed by UNM HSC employees as an extension of their other duties. A small amount of federal funding has been provided to aid with the process, but UNM HSC states additional state funding is needed.

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

UNM HSC states that “The annual tracking of the health care workforce needs and solutions will be compromised since this committee is the state’s mechanism for understanding and analyzing the need for health care professionals.”

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