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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

**ORIGINAL DATE** 3/14/2017

**SPONSOR** Chasey/Maestas      **LAST UPDATED** \_\_\_\_\_      **HM** 120

**SHORT TITLE** Study Risks and Needs of Incarcerated Women      **SB** \_\_\_\_\_

**ANALYST** Rogers

### ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY17	FY18	FY19	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
<b>Total</b>	NFI	NFI	NFI	NFI	NFI	NFI

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

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### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Memorial

House Memorial 120 requests Young Women United to convene a task force to study the risks and needs associated with New Mexico’s female inmates, particularly gender-specific programming, timely release, and appropriate transitional housing. The task force shall include previously incarcerated women, representatives from organizations that serve justice-involved women, representatives with experience in the legal rights of inmates, and representatives from the corrections department and county detention facilities.

### FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The memorial does not contain an appropriation. Young Women United will perform the study and report its findings to the Courts, Corrections and Justice interim committee. The memorial includes New Mexico Corrections Department staff as participating on the task force.

### SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

According to New Mexico Sentencing Commission (NMSC) data, the female inmate population has grown an average 4 percent per year over the last six years. However, NMSC projects the female population will grow by 3 percent in FY18. Female admissions have increased in every crime category over the last four years: 28 percent in violent crime, 14 percent in property crime, 18 percent in drug crimes, and 36 percent in “public order” crimes like DWI.

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