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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 3/07/17  
 LAST UPDATED 3/16/17      HB \_\_\_\_\_

SPONSOR    SRC \_\_\_\_\_

SHORT TITLE    Study Merging Osteopathic Board & Med Board      SM 133/SRCS \_\_\_\_\_

ANALYST    Esquibel \_\_\_\_\_

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

	FY17	FY18	FY19	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
<b>Total</b>		\$1.0-\$3.5		\$1.0-\$3.5	Nonrecurring	Other State Funds

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Senate Memorial 133 relates to Senate Bill 463, Osteopathic Physician Licensing; and Senate Joint Memorial 28, Osteopathic Medicine Board Reporting.

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From  
 New Mexico Medical Board

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

The Senate Rules Committee substitute for Senate Memorial 133 (SM133/SRCS) resolves that the New Mexico Medical Board and the Board of Osteopathic Medicine be requested to convene a meeting of the directors of both boards during the 2017 interim to determine, with input from the Superintendent of the Regulation and Licensing Department (RLD) and representatives of the New Mexico Osteopathic Medical Association, the Burrell College of Osteopathic Medicine, the New Mexico Medical Society and the New Mexico Academy of Physician Assistants, if there is a need for the merging of the New Mexico Medical Board and the Osteopathic Board of Medicine.

SM133/SRCS further resolves executive branch agencies including RLD share information to assist in determining whether there is a need to merge the boards; and if the New Mexico Medical Board and the Board of Osteopathic Medicine are merged, the new board be named the New Mexico Physician Licensing Board.

SM133/SRCS resolves that the New Mexico Medical Board and the Board of Osteopathic Medicine be requested to report to the Legislative Health and Human Services Committee by November 1, 2017, their findings and recommendations as to whether legislation to merge the Board of Osteopathic Medicine with the New Mexico Medical Board is needed.

SM133/SRCS resolves that copies of the memorial be transmitted to the executive director of the New Mexico Medical Board, the chair of the Board of Osteopathic Medicine, the superintendent of the Regulation and Licensing Department, the executive director of the New Mexico Osteopathic Medical Association, the executive director of the New Mexico Medical Society, the executive director of the New Mexico Academy of Physician Assistants and the chair of the Legislative Health and Human Services Committee.

### **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

Under the provisions of the memorial, the two boards and related stakeholders would meet during the 2017 interim, and this would require funding for per diem and mileage at approximately \$1.0 thousand to \$3.5 thousand.

The New Mexico Medical Board reports the following data per the Regulation and Licensing Department (RLD) pertaining to the discussion of merging the two boards. There are 627 doctors of osteopathic medicine and 27 licensed osteopathic physician assistants, and revenue generated from their licensure fees is projected at \$133.5 for FY17, \$171.0 for FY18, and \$171.0 for FY19. The Medical Board indicates the average annual revenue for the Board of Osteopathic Medicine is \$133.5, and the average annual expenses are \$113.7. The Medical Board has available office space to accommodate the 1.5 FTE that are staff for the Board of Osteopathic Medicine. The Medical Board projects the annual operating budget for equipment and supply setup expenses to cost approximately \$10.0, and per diem and mileage for two additional board members is estimated at \$3.5.

### **RELATIONSHIP**

Senate Bill 463 adopts a combined version of the Osteopathic Medicine Act and the Medical Practice Act to join the medical and osteopathic boards into an integrated board with an integrated osteopathic and allopathic medical practice act. The bill proposes the membership of the integrated board to include two public members, a physician assistant, six allopathic physicians, and two osteopathic physicians. There is also a proposal to transfer 1.5 FTE positions from the staff of the Board of Osteopathic Medicine. The staff office for the Board of Osteopathic Medicine is proposed to be incorporated into the Medical Board's location.

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