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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

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Sarinana ORIGINAL DATE 3/13/19 HM 32  
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 SHORT TITLE Transportation for Veterans Taskforce ANALYST Daly

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

	FY19	FY20	FY21	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
<b>Total</b>		NFI				

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

House Memorial 32 requests the University of New Mexico convene, by May 1, 2019, a task force to address specific needs for improvements to the state's transportation and health care system when serving veterans, and to develop a strategic plan to address those concerns, including measurable outcomes to help ensure that public improvements to the system are as efficient and effective as possible. HM 32 requests UNM provide a report of the task force's findings and recommendations to the appropriate interim legislative committee by October 31, 2019. Copies of the memorial are to be transmitted to the president and chancellor for health sciences of UNM, the secretaries of veterans' services and transportation, the director of the New Mexico veterans' health care system, the president of the American Hospital Association Center for Health Innovation and the chair of the New Mexico Alliance of Health Councils.

### FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

LFC staff assumes the activities requested in this memorial can be completed by the state agencies involved using currently budgeted fund, and there will be no fiscal impact to the state.

### SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

According to the memorial, a high percentage of New Mexicans have military service-related health problems that qualify them for access to the veterans' health administration, but its rules are not well-known and often misunderstood. Additionally, additional challenges such as

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excessive travel time, scheduling changes and unpredictable local services at outpatient clinics, create an undue burden on seriously ill veterans. Similarly, Medicaid- and Medicare-eligible and other public health recipients, who may also be veterans, have difficulty accessing health care within a reasonable distance of their homes.

The task force is to be composed of representatives of the UNM Office for Community Health (to serve as chair), UNM Schools of Architecture and Planning and Engineering, the Veterans' Services Department, the New Mexico Veterans Affairs health care system, the Department of Transportation, the American Hospital Association Center for Health Innovation, the New Mexico Alliance of Health Councils, and up to four additional members appointed by the chair.

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