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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

**ORIGINAL DATE** 3/12/19

**SPONSOR** Ruiloba/ G. Romero      **LAST UPDATED** \_\_\_\_\_      **HB** HM 82

**SHORT TITLE** Study Restorative Justice Programs      **SB** \_\_\_\_\_

**ANALYST** Edwards

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

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

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates Senate Memorial 102

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

#### Synopsis of Memorial

Senate Memorial 102 requests the Children, Youth and Families Department (CYFD) and the Corrections Department (CD) study and report on the status of restorative justice programs and contracts in their departments for possible replication throughout New Mexico to the benefit of all residents and report their findings and recommendations to the appropriate interim legislative committee by October 1, 2019.

### FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

There is no appropriation contained in this bill. Staff time to participate in this study will need to be absorbed by department operating budgets.

### SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The Washington State Institute for Public Policy (WSIPP) review and cost benefit analysis indicates:

Restorative justice conferences are face-to-face meetings, typically between the victim and the convicted or adjudicated individual, facilitated by a professionally trained mediator. The purpose of conferences is to discuss the harm done and to come to an agreement between all parties about reparations. Conferences may also include other supporting persons or community members to resolve the harm done by the convicted individual. Conferences can take place during incarceration, before sentencing following a guilty

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plea, as a diversion program, or during re-entry. This intervention is brief, typically one or two conferences that last an hour or two.

WSIPP also indicated the cost-benefit summary for restorative justice per participant is \$2.01 for \$1 invested in the program. The average cost per participant is estimated to be near \$1,100.

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