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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

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LAST UPDATED \_\_\_\_\_ HB 96  
SHORT TITLE Cognitive Decline and Caregiving Data SB \_\_\_\_\_  
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### APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY20	FY21		
	\$100.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From  
Department of Health (DOH)

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 96 (HB 96) appropriates \$100 thousand from the general fund to the Department of Health (DOH) to collect and analyze data on cognitive decline and caregiving, utilizing the federal centers for disease control and prevention's behavioral risk factor surveillance system.

### FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$100 thousand contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2021 (FY21) shall revert to the general fund.

### SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The bill would provide revenue for DOH to utilize the NM Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance system (BRFSS) to ask adults questions about cognitive decline and caregiving using the questions developed by the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The BRFSS is the CDC system of health-related telephone surveys that collect state data about U.S. residents regarding their health-related risk behaviors, chronic health conditions, and use of preventive services. Established in 1984 with 15 states, BRFSS now collects data in all 50 states

as well as the District of Columbia and three U.S. territories. BRFSS completes more than 400,000 adult interviews each year, making it the largest continuously conducted health survey system in the world. DOH believes the funding and system would address the need for statewide data on cognitive decline and caregiving.

DOH also notes nearly one in eight people over 45 are experiencing subjective cognitive decline (2016 NM BRFSS), and one in five adults are caregivers (NMBRFSS, 2017). In the past, topics such as cognitive decline and caregiving have not had a large enough sample to establish the estimates needed to fully describe the impact or burden of cognitive decline or caregiving.

If funded the New Mexico BRFSS in partnership with the CDC BRFSS would develop the survey instrument in which many health-related questions are asked via telephone to NM adults. This enables the state to produce estimates of disease burden and risk behaviors related to disease and other health outcomes.

DOH reported the agency believes this bill is nonrecurring and therefore, the BRFSS data collection year (which is the calendar year) and fiscal year would overlap. As a result, the appropriation would only fund the first half of the survey (which would be completed in 2021), but not the second half (which would be completed in 2022.) However, data collection systems and analysis are a recurring expense and the LFC believes this may be a recurring cost to the general fund.

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