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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 1/29/22

SPONSOR Hickey/Ortiz y Pino LAST UPDATED _____ HB _____

SHORT TITLE Leg. Staff Report for Better Health Outcomes SB 176

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APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected	Agency Affected
FY22	FY23			
	\$175.0	Nonrecurring	General fund	Legislative Council Service
	\$175.0	Nonrecurring	General fund	Legislative Finance Committee
Total	\$350.0	Nonrecurring	General fund	

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From
Legislative Council Service

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 176 appropriates \$175 thousand from the general fund to the Legislative Finance Committee and \$175 thousand from the general fund to the Legislative Council Service for the purpose of studying and reporting on health-related issues to support policy development for improving health outcomes statewide.

There is no effective date of this bill. It is assumed that the effective date is 90 days following adjournment of the Legislature.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$350 thousand contained in this bill is a nonrecurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2023 shall revert to the general fund.

Beyond this appropriation there are no additional fiscal implications.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

New Mexico generally has worse health outcomes than the nation and, depending on the outcome, performs worse than most neighboring states. For example New Mexico has the 17th highest mortality rate, the 14th highest rate of diabetes, and 12th highest rate of drug overdose deaths.

Understanding of the underlying causes of these outcomes may help the state create policy and practices to address these causes and improve outcomes as well as learn more about specific practices other states have implemented to improve their health outcomes.

New Mexico Rankings on Various Health Outcomes

Health Outcome	Rate	Ranking
Mortality Rate	761.8 (per 100,000)	17 th highest
Diabetes	12.4 (per 100)	14 th highest
Drug Overdose Mortality Rate	30.2 (per 100,000)	12 th highest

Source: Kaiser Family Foundation, America's Health Rankings

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

LFC and LCS will have to hire appropriate contractors to conduct the analysis and report. However, the analysis may be able to be done without hiring of contractors as part of LCS or LFC work-plans for the 2023 fiscal year.

ALTERNATIVES

The bill allows the LCS and LFC to use the funds for contract staff, however the offices may be able to conduct these analyses without additional contract staff, instead allocating current staff time to these projects.

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