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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Garratt/Figueroa LAST UPDATED _____
ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE & OTHER DEMENTIA ORIGINAL DATE 3/6/23
SHORT TITLE Council BILL NUMBER House Bill 471
ANALYST Klundt

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT* (dollars in thousands)

	FY23	FY24	FY25	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
	No fiscal impact	No fiscal impact	No fiscal impact			

Parentheses () indicate expenditure decreases.

*Amounts reflect most recent version of this legislation.

Sources of Information

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Aging and Long-Term Services Department (ALTSD)
Department of Health (DOH)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of House Bill 471

House Bill 471 creates the Alzheimer's Disease and Other Dementia Advisory Council to be administratively attached to the Aging and Long-Term Services Department (ALTSD); directs the secretary of ALTSD to appoint each voting member of the council to a term of two years; provides for composition and duties of the council, including creating a state plan that recommends strategies to improve Alzheimer's disease and other dementia care in New Mexico, and updating the plan every four years; submitting annual reports on the status of the implementation of the state plan recommendations, including any barriers to implementation, to the Legislative Health and Human Services Committee, the Legislative Finance Committee, and the Office of the Governor.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

No fiscal impact was reported by ALTSD or DOH.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

ALTSD reported:

In 2020, there were 43 thousand New Mexicans aged 65 and older with Alzheimer’s Disease and Other Dementia (AD/OD); this number is expected to increase to 53 thousand (23.3 percent) by 2025. In New Mexico, the death rate is 568, for a 27.1 percent mortality rate.

In 2020, the number of caregivers caring for people with AD/OD, providing hours of unpaid care, and the economic value of this unpaid care was as follows:

- 85 thousand Caregivers,
- Providing 157,000,000 hours of unpaid care, and
- \$2,511,000 in unpaid care – economic value.

In 2020:

- 56.3 percent of caregivers reported at least (1) chronic health condition,
- 34.2 percent of Caregivers reported having depression, and
- 7.9 percent of caregivers reported having frequent problems with physical health.

Cognitive Decline in New Mexico:

Information from the 2019 Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System shows that in New Mexico, 12.8 percent, or 1 in 8 of individuals aged 45 and over reported that they were experiencing confusion or memory loss that was happening more often or getting worse. This is known as “mild or subjective cognitive decline.” Half of these individuals (50.4 percent) had not talked to a health care professional about this.

For those individuals with worsening memory problems, 54.3 percent said it created “functional difficulties” i.e., caused them to give up day-to-day activities and/or interfered with work or social activities.

Approximately 28.7 percent of individuals with memory problems live alone. Approximately 83.1 percent of these individuals with memory problems have at least one other chronic medical condition.

HB471 proposes that the Advisory Council consist of a diverse range of individual, agency, and organizational representatives, with 11 voting members and four nonvoting members. The Council will be tasked with studying the following:

- 1) Needs of individuals living with Alzheimer’s Disease or other dementia.
- 2) Services available in the state for individuals with Alzheimer's disease and other dementia or their familial caregivers; and
- 3) Ability of health care providers and facilities to meet the current and future needs of individuals with Alzheimer’s Disease or other dementia.

In addition, the Advisory Council, when creating or updating the state plan, shall consider and make findings and recommendations on trends relating to the state’s populations of individuals with Alzheimer's disease and other dementia (such as the state’s role in providing care, the state’s policies, the fiscal impact of these diseases, the workforce of health care workers who serve people with Alzheimer’s disease or other dementia, etc.). The Council shall also consider and make recommendations regarding policies and

strategies to improve care, increase public awareness, provide assistance to unpaid caregivers, and increase and improve research and education on Alzheimer’s disease and other dementia.

ALTSD’s Office of Alzheimer’s & Dementia Care created New Mexico’s current State Plan for Alzheimer’s and Other Dementia for the period of 2022-2025. The requirement that the Advisory Council submit a state plan by July 1, 2026, aligns with the current state plan timeframe. As per the legislation recommendation, it also coincides with the Centers for Disease Control, Healthy Brain Initiative, which indicates that State Plans for Alzheimer’s and Other Dementias should be updated every four years in order to keep current with the latest research and treatments.

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