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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

**SPONSOR** Steinborn/Hickey **LAST UPDATED** \_\_\_\_\_  
**ORIGINAL DATE** 2/12/23  
**SHORT TITLE** Substance Abuse Demand Plan **BILL NUMBER** Senate Bill 190  
**ANALYST** Esquibel

### APPROPRIATION\* (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY23	FY24		
	\$300.0	Nonrecurring	General Fund

Parentheses ( ) indicate expenditure decreases.  
 \*Amounts reflect most recent analysis of this legislation.

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

	FY23	FY24	FY25	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
<b>BHSD cost to administer RFP for contract</b>		\$11.1		\$11.1	Nonrecurring	General Fund

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 \*Amounts reflect most recent analysis of this legislation.

Relates to appropriation in the General Appropriation Act

### Sources of Information

LFC Files

Responses Received From  
 Human Services Department (HSD)

## SUMMARY

### Synopsis of Senate Bill 190

Senate Bill 190 (SB190) would appropriate \$300 thousand from the general fund to the Human Services Department (HSD) to study the demand for substance abuse treatment and to create a substance abuse treatment plan that determines the number of treatment facilities, types of treatment services, geographic distribution of services, and funding necessary to address the demand for substance abuse treatment in New Mexico.

## **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

The appropriation of \$300 thousand contained in this bill is a nonrecurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY24 shall revert to the general fund.

The Human Services Department (HSD) Behavioral Health Services Division (BHSD) reports to conduct an RFP process to procure a vendor to conduct the study and create the plan would cost \$11,100 for .06 of an FTE at a 75 pay band including salary, benefits, and operating costs.

## **SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

BHSD reports the burden of substance use disorder in New Mexico is well documented with regard to drug and alcohol injury and death. The drug overdose death rate in New Mexico has doubled in the last five years increasing from 24.6 deaths per 100,000 population in 2017 to 50.6 deaths per 100,000 population in 2021 (Source: DOH Bureau of Vital Records and Health Statistics).

## **TECHNICAL ISSUES**

BHSD writes the preferred term instead of “substance abuse” is “substance use disorder.”

## **OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES**

BHSD notes a study assessing burden of substance use disorder, treatment demand, and strategic planning to meet such a demand, would require collaboration between HSD, the Department of Health (DOH), and the University of New Mexico Health Sciences Center. The DOH Epidemiology and Response Division published the New Mexico Substance Use Disorder Treatment Gap Analysis in 2020 including estimates of the numbers of persons living with substance use disorder across the state (<https://www.nmhealth.org/publication/view/marketing/5596/>).

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