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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

<b>SPONSOR</b> <u>Reps. Dixon and Jaramillo/Sen. Padilla</u>	<b>LAST UPDATED</b> _____ <b>ORIGINAL DATE</b> <u>2/7/2024</u>
<b>SHORT TITLE</b> <u>Multi-System Family Impact Study</u>	<b>BILL NUMBER</b> <u>House Joint Memorial 2</u>
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### ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT\*

(dollars in thousands)

Agency/Program	FY24	FY25	FY26	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
HCA		\$41.7		\$41.7	Nonrecurring	General Fund
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CYFD		\$244.6	\$244.6	\$489.2	Recurring	General Fund

Duplicates Senate Memorial 4

### Sources of Information

LFC Files

#### Agency Analysis Received From

Health Care Authority (HCA)  
 Children, Youth and Families Department (CYFD)

#### Agency Analysis was Solicited but Not Received From

Department of Health (DOH)  
 Public Education Department (PED)

## SUMMARY

### Synopsis of House Joint Memorial 2

House Joint Memorial 2 (HJM2) requests the Department of Health (DOH) study the impact of multi-system families on state agency budgets and social service outcomes for those individual family members and families. HJM2 calls on DOH to use existing data as well as shared data from the Health Care Authority (HCA), Children, Youth and Families Department (CYFD), the Corrections Department (NMCD), Public Education Department (PED), and other executive agencies and present the results of this research to the Legislature by November 15, 2024.

## FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

Joint memorials do not carry appropriations.

HCA indicates complete data collection and identification of multi-system individuals and families would require updates to their eligibility system (ASPEN) and other systems, as well as data matching and scrubbing to ensure proper data matches and “would require an appropriation of funds to accomplish.” HCA estimates costs of \$41.7 thousand in federal funds and \$41.7 thousand in state general funds in FY25.

If this memorial were enacted, CYFD says they would require FTE to extract custom data requested by DOH and to meet with DOH and other agencies to develop and implement matching criteria and relevant variables. The department estimates this cost at \$3,700 for overhead and \$240.8 thousand for salary and benefits, for a total cost of \$244.6 thousand.

## SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

CYFD indicates it would have to share a significant amount of data with DOH and, due to limitations with database system and the way data is currently captured, it will take a great deal of staff time to collect and submit data. The agency further states:

This project could potentially have merit but would be more efficiently implemented after CYFD completes its Comprehensive Child Welfare Information System, which will have client linkages already set up between many of these other agencies’ systems. This replacement system will also track better quality client data related to preventative services.

HCA also expresses concerns about its ability to collect accurate and useful data with outdated technology while still complying with privacy and data-sharing protocols across agencies. HCA goes on to say:

HCA is implementing major changes to its technical structure incorporating a System Integrator, Enterprise Data Services that will include a data lake, and a new Financial Services and Benefits Management System. The project timelines overlap with the work of the Data Governance Council and may either cause rework or incomplete analysis of data structures and data sharing.

## ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

HCA notes, “The timeframe to report on the data, November 2024, may not be realistic depending on system data enhancements necessary to collect and report across agencies effectively.”

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