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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

<b>SPONSOR</b> <u>Thomson/Ferrary</u>	<b>LAST UPDATED</b> _____ <b>ORIGINAL DATE</b> <u>2/6/34</u>
<b>SHORT TITLE</b> <u>Tobacco Use Task Force</u>	<b>BILL NUMBER</b> <u>House Memorial 51</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
		Indeterminate but minimal	Indeterminate but minimal		Nonrecurring	General Fund

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

### Sources of Information

LFC Files

Agency Analysis was Solicited but Not Received From  
 Department of Health (DOH)

Because of the short timeframe between the introduction of this bill and its first hearing, LFC has yet to receive analysis from state, education, or judicial agencies. This analysis could be updated if that analysis is received.

## SUMMARY

### Synopsis of House Memorial 51

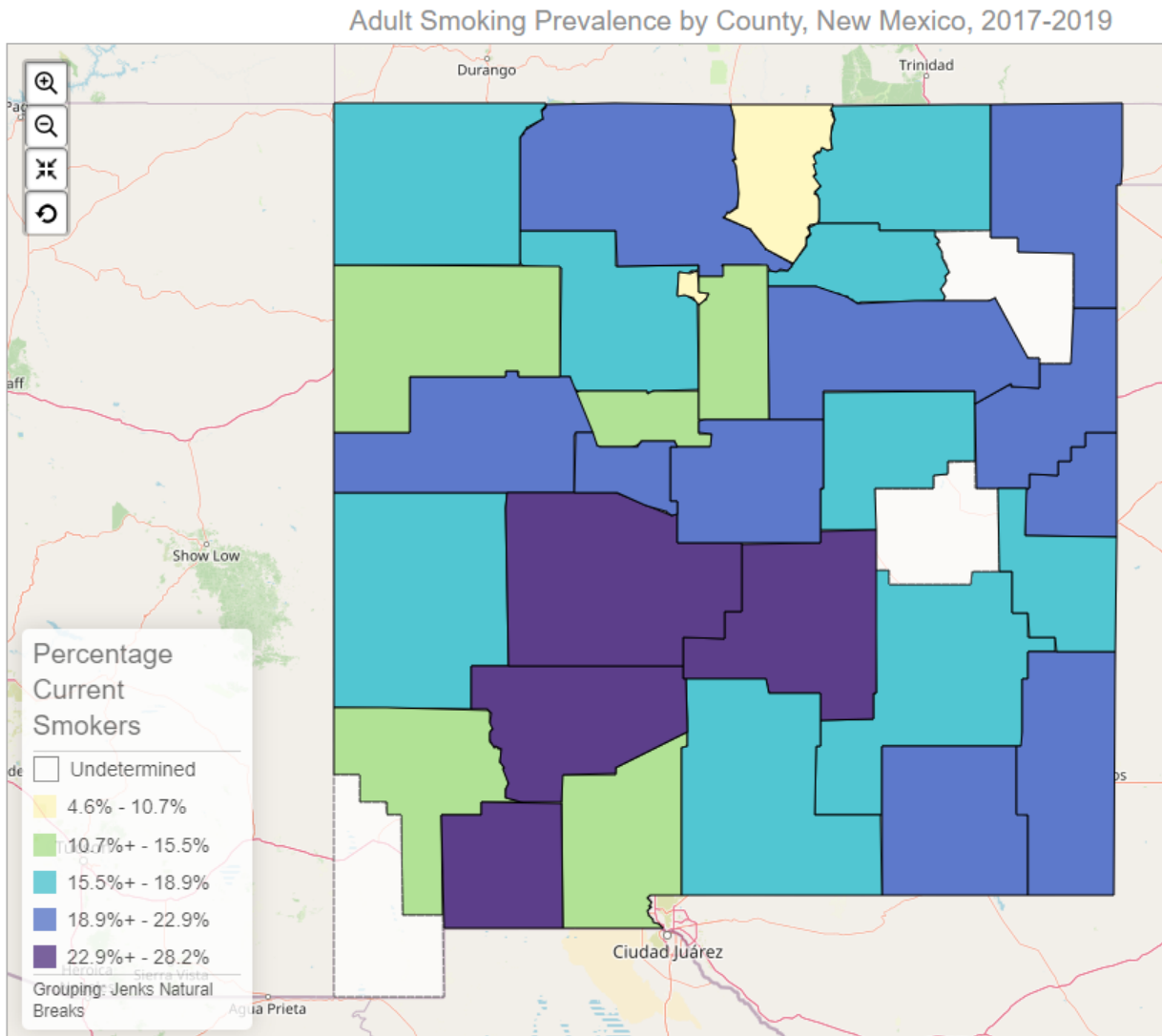
House Memorial 51 (HM51) requests the Department of Health's Nicotine Use Prevention and Control (NUPAC) program members be requested to make recommendations to the Legislature to prioritize and increase the funding for evidence-based tobacco prevention programs to reduce tobacco-related illness and save lives in New Mexico; Further the memorial requests the Department of Health and the Taxation and Revenue Department convene a task force to study the effect of excise taxes on the sale of tobacco products.

## FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

There may be a minimal operating cost to the Department of Health to convene this taskforce.

## SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

According to the U.S. Center for Disease Control (CDC), tobacco use accounts for one of every five deaths in the United States, approximately 480 thousand people each year. Further, for each person who dies from tobacco use, another 33 will suffer a tobacco-related illness; tobacco use has been linked to diseases in nearly every organ. The national economic cost in medical expenses and lost productivity is over \$289 billion annually.



Source: DOH IBIS

According to the Department of Health:

The Nicotine Use Prevention and Control (NUPAC) program and its partners use a comprehensive, evidence-based approach to promote healthy lifestyles that are free from tobacco abuse and addiction among all New Mexicans. NUPAC follows recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Our mission is to improve lives by eliminating the harm from tobacco abuse through the implementation of effective strategies that incorporate an anti-oppression model.

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NUPAC works with communities, schools, and organizations across the state to implement activities and services that decrease the harmful and addictive use of commercial tobacco, outside of its traditional, sacred, or ceremonial purposes. This will reduce tobacco-related illness, save lives, and save money.

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