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AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS - 2025 REGULAR SESSION

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SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION

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Check all that apply:

Original **Amendment**
Correction **Substitute**

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Bill No: *HB252

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SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY24	FY25		
	0	Recurring	

REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

Estimated Revenue	Recurring	Fund

FY24	FY25	FY26	or Nonrecurring	Affected
		0		

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATION BUDGET (dollars in thousands)

	FY24	FY25	FY26	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total				0		

Duplicates/Conflicts with/Companion to/Relates to:

Duplicates/Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act:

SECTION III: NARRATIVE

BILL SUMMARY

Synopsis: HB 252 amends the Aging and Long-Term Services Act to create the Kinship Caregiver Support Pilot Program. HB 252 contains the following key provisions:

- * Creates a new section of the Aging and Long-Term Services Act
- * Provides direction regarding who is eligible to participate in the program including definitions for fictive kin, grandparent, kinship caregiver, next-of-kin
- * Identifies the length of the pilot program, three-years spanning FY26 through FY28
- * Identifies the areas in which the pilot program must be created as communities within Rio Arriba, Santa Fe, Taos, McKinley and Dona Ana counties
- * Identifies the number of participants that should be served in each community - fifty (50) per community
- * Provides direction regarding services that should be offered including monthly economic support programs through program partners and provision of access to services or referrals to services to support the caregiver and the children in their care
- * Directs the agency to develop eligibility criteria, an application process, policies and procedures for program implementation
- * Directs the agency to work collaboratively with other state agencies and local agencies in program development and implementation
- * Directs the agency to promulgate and adopt rules to administer the pilot program no later than June 1, 2025
- * Directs the agency to develop the necessary budget to identify the FTE and resources needed to implement the pilot program
- * Directs the agency to provide an annual report to the Legislative Finance

Committee assessing the impact and outcomes of the pilot program no later than December 1, 2025

* Provides an appropriation of four million five hundred thousand dollars (\$4,500,000) from the general fund to be utilized FY26 through FY28 with any funds remaining at the end of FY28 reverting to the general fund

* Stipulates that this bill be considered an emergency and that it take effect immediately upon passage

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

There is no fiscal impact identified for CYFD. There may be a future fiscal impact to the department as the program expands.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

None identified for CYFD

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

None.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

HB 252 will require ALTSD to develop rules, policies, procedures, data collection strategies, and other administrative tasks required to develop and implement this pilot program. The collaborative nature of this pilot project may have an administrative impact on CYFD which at this time will be absorbed within current business operations.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

None

TECHNICAL ISSUES

None identified for CYFD.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

None.

ALTERNATIVES

None.

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

If not enacted, children and caregivers who would be eligible for the pilot program may continue to experience challenges to overall health, well-being and family stability due to lack of access to the resources needed. The lack of access to the resources provided through this program may mean that caregivers are forced to make difficult decisions regarding housing, nutrition, and access to healthcare due to financial challenges associated with providing care to children.

AMENDMENTS

None.