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AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS - 2025 REGULAR SESSION

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SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION

{Indicate if analysis is on an original bill, amendment, substitute or a correction of a previous bill}

Date Prepared: 2/10/2025 *Check all that apply:*
Bill Number: HB 329 Original Correction
 Amendment Substitute

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SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY25	FY26		
NA	NA	NA	NA

(Parenthesis () indicate expenditure decreases)

REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY25	FY26	FY27		

(Parenthesis () indicate revenue decreases)

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY25	FY26	FY27	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total						

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates/Conflicts with/Companion to/Relates to:
Duplicates/Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act

SECTION III: NARRATIVE

BILL SUMMARY

House Bill 329 (HB 329) purposes to amend the Interagency Behavioral Health Purchasing Collaborative Act including amendments to the membership of the interagency behavioral health purchasing collaborative included in NMSA Section 24A-3-1. Specifically, the proposed changes to the definition section contained within NMSA Section 24A-3-1(A) remove several state agencies from the interagency behavioral health purchasing collaborative including the aging and long-term services department (ALTSD), workforce solutions, public education, and transportation. Additionally, HB 329 purposes to remove the governor's commission on disability, the developmental disabilities council, the instructional support and vocational education division of the public education department, the New Mexico health policy commission, and the governor's health policy coordinator.

Additionally, HB 329 proposes to attach the interagency behavioral health purchasing collaborative (collaborative) to the office of the governor and requires that the collaborative to meet publicly at least quarterly. HB 329 further proposes to require the collaborative to consider public input at each meeting and expands the list of services including the addition of housing support, support for individuals involved in the criminal justice system, and treatment for substance use disorder. Lastly, HB 329 makes some changes to the way in which a director of the collaborative is nominated and selected.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

None identified for ALTSD

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

As indicated in the University of New Mexico's Center for Applied Research and Analysis' 2024 New Mexico Older Adult Needs Assessment, "the 60 and older population in New Mexico has grown by an estimated 125,524 people, with significant increases in the total number of those: with any disability, with household incomes less than 200% of poverty, living alone, living alone and renting, dual Medicare & Medicaid recipients, SNAP recipients, and who are working." The report indicates that it will be "necessary for the state to strategically plan for a significantly growing older adult population with increasing need for financial assistance and social supports," including behavioral health. The provider survey and older adult focus group participants noted in-home mental health therapy and behavioral health in general as being unmet needs of New Mexico's senior population.

In 2022, 15.9% of New Mexico adults experienced frequent mental distress, which is defined as 14 days or more of distress in a 30-day period.¹ Frequent mental distress was higher among NM adults who were unemployed or unable to work. Further, the drug death rate of seniors in New Mexico increased by 66% between 2017-2019 and 2020-2022.²

¹ <https://www.nmhealth.org/data/view/behavior/2874/>

² https://assets.americashealthrankings.org/app/uploads/ahr_2024seniorreport_comprehensivereport.pdf

Additionally, 190,835 New Mexico Medicaid clients with a behavioral health diagnosis received health care for their physical or behavioral health needs. Of those, 150,298 (78.8%) had a mental health disorder only, 14,528 (7.6%) had a substance use disorder only, and 26,009 (13.6%) had both.³

ALTSD is composed of several different divisions and programs that are focused on providing supportive services to the senior and disabled adult population within New Mexico. One of the direct service divisions within ALTSD is Adult Protective Services (APS), which is statutorily tasked with providing protective services to incapacitated or protected adults who have been abused, neglected or exploited. Part of APS's protective services is assessing client needs for mental health and substance use issues, treatment or assistance, and then connecting those clients with the appropriate behavioral health services. APS has extensive knowledge and experience in working with senior and disabled adult population that are suffering from behavioral health and/or substance abuse related issues. Given the unique demographic that APS serves it is vital that ALTSD represent senior and disabled adult populations as part of the collaborative. If ALTSD is removed from the collaborative, then the senior and disabled adult population will not have necessary representation and may not even be considered because HB 329 excludes other agencies that also provide services for seniors and disabled adult populations.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

None identified for ALTSD

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

None identified for ALTSD

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

Conflict – NMSA 1978 Section 9-23-12- requires the ALTSD Cabinet Secretary or their designee serve as a member of the collaborative.

TECHNICAL ISSUES

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

ALTERNATIVES

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

If HB 329 is not adopted than ALTSD will continue to be an active member of the collaborative.

AMENDMENTS

³ <https://hsc.unm.edu/medicine/departments/psychiatry/cbh/docs/2020-bh-resource-mapping-and-needs-assessment.pdf>