



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

### **SECTION III: NARRATIVE**

#### **BILL SUMMARY**

##### **Synopsis:**

HB 378 amends the Medical Malpractice Act to limit the amount of recovery for a medical malpractice claim to \$600,000 per occurrence. Limits a health care provider's personal liability to \$200,000, with any excess to be paid from the Patient's Compensation Fund.

#### **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

None for UNMH, which is protected pursuant to the Tort Claims Act. HB 378 defines "Health care provider" and "Hospital" to exclude a person or entity protected pursuant to the Tort Claims Act or the Federal Tort Claims Act.

#### **SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

#### **PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS**

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

#### **CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP**

#### **TECHNICAL ISSUES**

#### **OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES**

#### **ALTERNATIVES**

#### **WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL**

#### **AMENDMENTS**