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AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS - 2025 REGULAR SESSION

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(Analysis must be uploaded as a PDF)									
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,	Date Prepared: February 13, 2025 Bill Number: SB 379			Check all that apply: Original x_ Correction					
	Din Mumber.	30 377		_ ~	nt Substitute				
Sponsor:	Reps. Montoya ar Armstrong	nd	Agency Name and Code University of New Mexico-952 Number:						
Short Punitive Damages In			Person Writing Kelly C)'Donnell			
Title:	Medical Malprac	tice Claim	Phone:	505-659-5702	2 Email	kodon	nell@unm.edu		
APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands) Appropriation Recurring Fund									
FY25		FY26		or Nonrecurring		Affected			
(Parenthesi	s () indicate expenditure	ŕ	(dollars	in thousands	s)				
Estimated Revenue				Recurring or		Fund			
F	Y25	FY26		FY27	Nonrecurring		Affected		

(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

Synopsis:

SB 379 limits punitive damage awards in medical malpractice claims to a maximum of 30 times the state median annual household income at the time the award is made. Punitive damages may only be awarded if the prevailing party provides clear and convincing evidence that the acts of the health care provider were made with deliberate disregard for the rights or safety of others.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

None for UNMH, which is covered under the Tort Claims Act.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

According to the Census Bureau, 2023 median household income for New Mexico was \$62,125.

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