

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