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**ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)**

	<b>FY25</b>	<b>FY26</b>	<b>FY27</b>	<b>3 Year Total Cost</b>	<b>Recurring or Nonrecurring</b>	<b>Fund Affected</b>
<b>Total</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Duplicates/Conflicts with/Companion to/Relates to:

Duplicates/Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act:

**SECTION III: NARRATIVE**

**BILL SUMMARY**

House Bill 579 (HB579) creates New Mexico Resident Physician Recruitment Program providing funding for University of New Mexico (UNM) resident physicians to do rotations at non-UNM hospitals and clinics within the state in order to be exposed to broader recruitment opportunities.

**FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

HB579 appropriates one million two hundred dollars (\$1,200,000) from the General Fund to the Board of Regents of the UNM for expenditure in FY26 for funding non-UNM residency options within the state to broaden recruitment opportunities. Any unexpended or unencumbered balances at the end of FY26 shall revert to the General Fund.

**SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

HB579 creates the Resident Physician Recruitment Program within the Graduate Medical Education (GME) office at UNM. GME office shall administer the program and allocate funding for:

- Up to two weeks per year of supervised rotation at non-UNM hospitals and clinics in the state, and

- Resident salaries, cost of living stipends, medical malpractice insurance, and travel reimbursement.

Hospitals and clinics participating in the program shall:

- Provide adequate learning environments for resident physicians,
- Designate a licensed physician mentor to oversee the resident clinical activities, and
- Adhere to resident work hour restrictions required by the national accreditation body for GME.

#### PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

N/A

#### ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

GME office shall, no later than January 1, 2026, conduct an annual survey of participating hospitals, clinics, and residents to assess program outcomes and provide a report to the legislature.

#### CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

N/A

#### TECHNICAL ISSUES

N/A

#### OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

N/A

#### ALTERNATIVES

N/A

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

N/A

#### AMENDMENTS

N/A