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AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS - 2025 REGULAR SESSION

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SE	CTION	1.	GENER.	AT.	INFO	RMA	TION
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{Indicate if analysis is on an original bill, amendment, substitute or a correction of a previous bill}

Date Prepared:2/24/25Check all that apply:Bill Number:HM 34Original $\sqrt{}$ CorrectionAmendmentSubstitute

Agency Name

and Code NM CVRC/ 78000

Sponsor: *P. Herndon* **Number:**

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SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropr	iation	Recurring	Fund Affected	
FY25	FY26	or Nonrecurring		
0	0	n/a	n/a	

(Parenthesis () indicate expenditure decreases)

REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

	Recurring	Fund		
FY25	FY26	FY27	or Nonrecurring	Affected
0	0	0	n/a	n/a

(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	0	0	0	0	n/a	n/a

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SECTION III: NARRATIVE

BILL SUMMARY

The memorial is based on the premises that a wide variety of types of legal services are needed to improve outcomes in domestic violence cases in family law and in seeking orders for protection. These improvements would reduce the incidence of revictimization. Creation of these varied services is most productive if a multidisciplinary collaboration of service providers assists in the programs' design.

The memorial would charge the Supreme Court with convening a taskforce made up of representatives from: NM Coalition Against Domestic Violence, NM Legal Aid, the state bar's Access to Justice Program, Enlace Comunitario, UNM Law School, NM House of Representatives, NM Senate, a rural Domestic Relations judge, and a judge from Family Court in a jurisdiction with a population of 50,000 or more. The taskforce would identify service gaps and issue cost-effective recommendations in the form of a report. The report would be due by 11/1/25 and would be provided to the Interim Committee on Courts, Corrections, and Justice as well as to the Governor's Office.

Synopsis: The memorial would charge the Supreme Court with the duty to convene a nine-member taskforce to identify gaps in legal services to domestic violence survivors and to make cost-effective recommendations to cure those gaps. The recommendation report would be due November 1, 2025, to the Interim CCJ committee and to the governor.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

None to CVRC.

Note: major assumptions underlying fiscal impact should be documented.

Note: if additional operating budget impact is estimated, assumptions and calculations should be reported in this section.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

CVRC is aware that there are shortfalls in legal services to domestic violence survivors. CVRC's funded efforts to assist domestic violence survivors would be enhanced by data from the work of the taskforce.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

None noted.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

None noted.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

HB 516 would fund this proposed taskforce's work.

TECHNICAL ISSUES

None noted.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

None noted.

ALTERNATIVES

None suggested.

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

Unidentified service gaps would continue.

AMENDMENTS

None suggested.