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**AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS
2025 REGULAR SESSION**

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SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION

{Indicate if analysis is on an original bill, amendment, substitute or a correction of a previous bill}

Check all that apply: **Date** 1/30/2025
Original **Amendment** **Bill No:** SB 172
Correction **Substitute**

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Short Title: Immigrant Health Care Workforce Development **Number:** 420
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SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY25	FY26		
N/A	1,500	Non-Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY25	FY26	FY27		
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

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

(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: Senate Bill 172 (SB172) enacts a new section cited as the “Immigrant Health Care Workforce Development Act” which aims to increase the State’s healthcare workforce by providing for an immigrant primary care physician readiness pathway, providing for an immigrant primary residency grant program and immigrant healthcare workforce development fund. SB172 also creates the immigrant healthcare workforce advisory group. SB172 amends the definitions of the Medical Malpractice Act.

SB172 appropriates One Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,500,00) to the Department of Workforce Solutions from the General Fund in FY26 to implement and administer the provisions of the Immigrant Health Care Workforce Development Act. The effective date of the bill is July 1, 2025.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

There is no anticipated fiscal impact on the New Mexico Regulation and Licensing Department (RLD) if SB 172 were to be enacted.

The RLD does not directly regulate or license any of the licensed physicians or health care practitioners impacted by SB172. Likewise, none of the state licensing boards or commissions administratively attached to the RLD regulate or license any of the affected medical professionals under the bill.

The singular impact of HB172 on the RLD will be the invitation and/or state driven initiative to forge partnerships in workforce shortage outreach events/efforts (e.g., state agency and community-based partnerships). This collaborative approach between the State of New Mexico, licensed physicians or health care practitioners, educational institutions, and local communities will play a role in helping to identify the unique needs of each region and develop tailored solutions.

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

The State of New Mexico will continue to experience shortages in qualified health care practitioners across in the state, particularly in rural areas. We would forego the opportunity to attract and retain additional trained, qualified medical practitioners who are immigrants from other nations to help meet the medical services needs of New Mexicans.

AMENDMENTS