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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}

Date Prepared: 1/31/2025 *Check all that apply:*
Bill Number: SB 190 Original Correction
 Amendment Substitute

Sponsor: Harold Pope **Agency Name** 992 – New Mexico Mortgage
Short Title: HOMELESSNESS REDUCTION **and Code** Finance Authority
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SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY25	FY26		
NA	\$1,000	Nonrecurring	General

(Parenthesis () indicate expenditure decreases)

REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY25	FY26	FY27		
NA	NA	NA	NA	NA

(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		\$1,000	\$1,000	\$2,000	Recurring	General

(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

SB 190 amends the Healthcare Authority Act by proposing to incorporate a homelessness reduction division. The key provisions include:

- **Creation of the Homelessness Reduction Division**
 - Led by a Director of Homelessness Reduction.
 - Develops and implements a statewide strategic homelessness reduction plan.
 - Establishes a Homeless Data Integration System to collect and analyze statewide data.
 - Coordinates efforts across state agencies and serves as a spokesperson for homelessness prevention.
- **Interagency Homelessness Reduction Task Force**
 - Composed of representatives from multiple state agencies, including: Health, Economic Development, Public Education, Workforce Solutions, and others.
 - Advises the Homelessness Reduction Division on policies and initiatives.
 - Recommends policy, regulatory, and resource changes to reduce homelessness.
 - Provides annual reports on progress and key outcomes.
- **Homelessness Reduction Advisory Council**
 - Includes individuals with lived experience of homelessness, advocacy organizations, government representatives, and service providers.
 - Advises the Task Force and Division on homelessness-related strategies and policy recommendations.
- **Funding & Effective Date**
 - Appropriates \$1 million from the general fund for fiscal year 2026 to support the Division, Task Force, and Advisory Council.
 - Unused funds revert to the general fund at the end of the fiscal year.
 - The law takes effect on July 1, 2025.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

SB 190 appropriates \$1 million from the general fund for expenditure in fiscal year 2026 to cover the operations of the proposed division, the interagency homelessness reduction task force and the homelessness reduction advisory council. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2026 shall revert to the general fund. Were the bill passed; it can be assumed that recurring operating funding would be required to sustain the division.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

Housing New Mexico | MFA partners with numerous state entities, including the Behavioral Health and Human Services Division and Children (BHHS), Youth and Families Services on state funded homelessness and homelessness prevention programs. On behalf of BHHS, Housing New Mexico | MFA administers the funding for Linkages housing vouchers, a tenant-based voucher program for extremely low-income persons with a serious mental illness and/or substance use disorder. Additionally, Housing New Mexico | MFA administers state funding that supplements federal funding for homeless shelter operations and homelessness prevention. The table below shows the various homelessness and homelessness prevention programs Housing New Mexico | MFA administers and includes funding and persons impact over the past five years.

Program	Emergency Homeless Assistance Program	Rapid Rehousing/ Homelessness Prevention	HOME American Rescue Plan Supportive Services (One-time funds)	Linkages	Youth Homelessness Demonstration	Continuum of Care
Program Description	shelter operations, essential services & data HMIS data collection	rental & utility assistance, housing search & placement, housing stability case management for homeless or at-risk of homelessness, data collection	rental & utility assistance, housing search & placement, housing stability case management for homeless or at-risk of homelessness	rental & utility assistance for homeless & at-risk of homelessness who have a qualifying serious mental illness	Match funding to assist homeless or at-risk youth under the age of 24 with transitional housing, permanent supportive housing case management and transportation in the northern part of the state	Match funds to rehouse those experiencing homelessness, permanent supportive housing, transitional housing
Funder	HUD/State Homeless	HUD/State Homeless	HUD	Human Services Department/Behavioral Health Services	Human Services Department/Behavioral Health Services	State Homeless
2019-2020	\$1,114,845.00 4397	\$769,042.00 680	\$0.00 0	\$1,189,275.00 208	\$279,616.40	\$469,277.00 1429
2020-2021	\$4,141,816.00 2817	\$1,565,835.00 592	\$0.00 0	\$2,260,381.00 402	\$549,511.00 178	\$464,542.00 1703
2021-2022	\$4,481,536.00 3102	\$2,623,821.00 264	\$0.00 0	\$2,803,265.00 405	\$201,716.00 7	\$468,470.00 2027
2022-2023	\$4,147,619.00 3380	\$855,284.00 531	\$1,091,597.00 711	\$2,967,631.00 509	\$299,358.00 68	\$432,730.00 1695
2023-2024	\$1,006,247.00 3672	\$960,522.00 333	\$2,300,941.00 872	\$3,914,406.65 485	\$394,312.21 72	\$451,047.55 1642
Total Expended	\$14,892,063.00	\$6,774,504.00	\$3,392,538.00	\$13,134,958.65	\$1,724,513.61	\$2,286,066.55
Total Persons Assisted	17,368	2,400	1,583	2,009	325	8,496

Housing New Mexico | MFA also addresses homelessness and homelessness prevention through permanent support housing (PSH) development, a housing model for vulnerable populations that pairs long term housing with supportive services and health care. The table below shows the projects Housing New Mexico | MFA has financed in the last five years.

Project	County	Units	Total Development Cost	NMHTF Contribution
Amador Crossing	Dona Ana	50	\$13,040,873.00	\$1,500,000.00
HopeWorks Village	Bernalillo	42	\$7,800,260.00	\$1,300,000.00
Route 66	Bernalillo	47	\$15,753,687.00	
Cornerstone	Grant	30	\$12,351,636.00	\$2,782,087.00
Desert Hope	Dona Ana	40	\$6,993,462.00	
Vista de Socorro	Socorro	32	\$6,661,164.00	\$2,000,000.00
Bella Luz	Santa Fe	58	In progress	
Total		299	\$62,601,082.00	\$7,582,087.00

Housing New Mexico | MFA has funded transitional housing project and other homelessness initiatives through its Housing Innovation program, a flexible funding program to for innovative, community-based projects. Below are some example projects awarded funding.

Project	Description	Units/Occupancy	Award
DreamTree	Overnight shelter expansion in Taos.	50	\$200,000.00
Workforce Integration Network (WIN)	Acquisition and rehabilitation funding for transitional housing in Northern New Mexico.	30	\$2,200,000.00
Saranam	Acquisition and rehabilitation funding for transitional housing for women and children in Albuquerque.	23	\$732,939.00
Forget Me Not Veteran's Park	Unit acquisition and infrastructure improvements for homeless veterans in Socorro.	5	\$375,000.00
Total		108	\$3,507,939.00

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

The New Mexico Coalition to End Homelessness (NMCEH) is New Mexico’s federally designated non-profit organization that provides system wide coordination across 80 agencies and partner providers around the State to offer comprehensive services, housing options, resources, funding and advocacy to support individuals and families that experience homelessness. Among NMCEH’s chief responsibilities is overseeing the Homelessness Management Information System (HMIS), a federally mandated data collection system used by homeless service providers to track and manage assistance for individuals and families experiencing homelessness. It is required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and helps improve service coordination, policy planning, and funding allocation. Key features include tracking demographics, service usage, and housing outcomes of homeless individuals, integrating data from multiple agencies, including shelters, outreach programs, and housing services, and helping create a comprehensive picture of homelessness in a community.

The administrative burden that would be created by an additional reporting system could create a significant operational cost increase for homeless service providers as significant staff time is required to fulfill reporting requirements.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

Another bill is being drafted and will be introduced to create the “Office of Housing Planning and Production,” which among its purposes will be developing a statewide housing strategy to address housing and homelessness issues in partnership with state agencies and local stakeholders. Were both these bills passed, there may be some ambiguity as to the distinct responsibilities of each entity.

TECHNICAL ISSUES

The bill proposes that CEO of the New Mexico Finance Authority (NMFA) serve as a member on the "interagency homelessness reduction task force." While NMFA offers some housing development financing products, it is possible that the bill intended to reference the New Mexico *Mortgage* Finance Authority (Housing New Mexico | MFA), as Housing New Mexico | MFA administers federal and state funding for homelessness and homelessness prevention programs.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

ALTERNATIVES

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

AMENDMENTS