

NMDOT BILL ANALYSIS 2024 REGULAR SESSION

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SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION

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Date 1/16/2024

Bill No. HB 40

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SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT

None identified.

SECTION III: NARRATIVE

BILL SUMMARY

House Bill 40 (HB 40) creates a task force to study the establishment of an intrastate airline transportation system to provide flights between Albuquerque, Las Cruces, Hobbs, Clovis and Gallup. The intrastate airline task force will make recommendations in a report provided no later than December 1, 2024.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

None identified.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

None identified.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

None identified.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

HB 40, Section 1(A)(2) provides that the secretary of transportation or designee will serve on the task force. The secretary or designee will need to include serving on the task force with the secretary's or designee's existing duties.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

None identified.

TECHNICAL ISSUES

None identified.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

None identified.

ALTERNATIVES

The New Mexico Department of Transportation's Aviation Division completed an initial air service study in 2020, with updates completed in 2021 and again in Fall 2023, for information regarding all air service in New Mexico, including intrastate. The work envisioned in HB 40 can be realized by the Aviation Division of the NMDOT using an existing consultant. The Aviation Division, through its consultant, can complete the relevant analysis and provide a detailed report of intrastate airline transportation, possibly to include additional communities and potentially at a lower cost than what is proposed in HB 40.

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

None identified.

AMENDMENTS

None suggested.