

LFC Requester:

AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS - 2026 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: 1/20/2026 **Check all that apply:**
Bill Number: HB 59 Original Correction
 Amendment Substitute

Sponsor: Andrea Reeb
Short Title: Increase Penalty for Certain Deaths

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SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY26	FY27		

REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY26	FY27	FY28		

(Parenthesis () indicate revenue decreases)

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY26	FY27	FY28	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total						

(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:

HB 59 amends Section 31-18-15 NMSA 1978, increasing the basic sentence for a second-degree felony resulting in death from eighteen to twenty-five years of imprisonment.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

There would be minimum fiscal impact for District Attorneys or Public Defenders since funding is already in place to prosecute and defend second degree felonies resulting in death.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

This would make the criminal code more consistent. Individuals that are convict of a second drug trafficking are sentence to 18 years of mandatory where as a person that kills somebody can get up to 15 years in the current sentencing structure of the criminal code.

The maximum sentence under HB 59 is still in the discretion of the judge.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

None

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

None

TECHNICAL ISSUES

None

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

ALTERNATIVES

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

There will continue to be an inconsistence in sentence. That the State of New Mexico believes that drugs are more serious crime than a person taking the life of another individual.