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AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS - 2026 REGULAR SESSION

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AgencyAnalysis.nmlegis.gov and email to billanalysis@dfa.nm.gov*(Analysis must be uploaded as a PDF)***SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION***{Indicate if analysis is on an original bill, amendment, substitute or a correction of a previous bill}*Date Prepared: 1/27/26

Check all that apply:

Bill Number: HB59Original Correction Amendment Substitute Sponsor: Andrea Reeb & Luis TerrazasShort Title: Increase Penalty for CertainDeathsAgency Name
and Code

Number:

770- NMCD

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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	0	0	0	0	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: House Bill 59 would amend the Criminal Code to increase the basic sentence for a second degree felony resulting in the death of a human being from 18 to 25 years imprisonment.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The bill strengthens the Criminal Code by increasing the basic prison sentence for second-degree felonies that result in a person's death from 18 years to 25 years. Depending on prosecutions and sentencing decisions, the New Mexico Corrections Department may see an increase in the length of incarceration for affected inmates, which over time, could place greater demands on resources, resulting in increased long-term costs. At the same time, longer sentences would provide additional time for inmates to participate in treatment and rehabilitative programming, before returning to communities.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

None

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

None

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

None

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

None

TECHNICAL ISSUES

None

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

None

ALTERNATIVES

None

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

None

AMENDMENTS

None