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AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS - 2026 REGULAR SESSION**WITHIN 24 HOURS OF BILL POSTING, UPLOAD ANALYSIS TO****[AgencyAnalysis.nmlegis.gov](https://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:** 01/20/2026*Check all that apply:***Bill Number:** HB72Original X ☐ Correction ☐Amendment ☐ Substitute ☐**Sponsor:** Andrea Reeb**Short** CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE**Title:** MINOR DISTRIBUTION**Agency Name
and Code**770- NMCD**Number:****Person Writing** A. Griego Quintana**Phone:** 505-479-2296 **Email** Anisa.griego-quinta@cd.nm.gov**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	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 72 would amend Chapter 30 of New Mexico's controlled substances laws relating to the penalty for adults who intentionally distribute certain controlled substances to minors by increasing the penalty to a first-degree felony level for distribution that involves Schedule I or II narcotic drugs and methamphetamine (and their analogs).

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

House Bill 72 would substantially increase penalties for distributing controlled substances to minors, making most first offenses second-degree felonies and elevating cases involving narcotics or methamphetamine to first-degree felonies on the first conviction. Over time, this will produce a growing population of long-term inmates serving decade-plus sentences for drug offenses, increasing NMCD's average length of stay, population, and healthcare burden.

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