

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: 01/20/2026

Check all that apply:

Bill Number: HB74Original Correction Amendment Substitute

Sponsor: Andrea Reeb
 Short Title: Habitual Offender Statute of Limitations

Agency 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 74 would amend the Criminal Code to remove the 10-year time limit for counting prior felony convictions when determining if someone is a habitual offender. Under current law, only felony convictions from the past 10 years count toward habitual offender status, but this bill would make all prior felony convictions count regardless of how long ago they occurred.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

By removing the ten-year lookback, House Bill 74 expands the group of defendants subject to habitual enhancements, including individuals who are currently sentenced as first-time offenders. Over time, this will increase sentence length and time served across a broad range of cases, resulting in a potential long-term population and cost impact.

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