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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: 1/23/2026 *Check all that apply:*
Bill Number: HB 112 Original Correction
 Amendment Substitute

Sponsor: Representative John Block **Agency Name and Code** Tourism 418
Short Title: DAYLIGHT SAVING YEAR-ROUND **Number:** _____
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SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

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

(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 112 adjusts New Mexico's time zone to Mountain Daylight Time (MDT) all year round, if the federal government allows states to do so in the future. HB112 only goes into effect if the federal government passes a law allowing a state or part of a state to exempt itself from the federal Uniform Time Act of 1966, and only if the neighboring state of Texas adopts permanent daylight saving time or the county of El Paso does the same.

The bill appropriates \$100,000 to the Department of Information Technology to convert the state government's information technology systems to permanent daylight saving time.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

There is no fiscal impact for the Tourism Department.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

Changing to year-round MDT could cause confusion or logistical issues for visitors to New Mexico. Arizona currently does not observe Daylight Saving Time, which means that in the summer months, Arizona is functionally in a different time zone than New Mexico. Staying on MDT would mean that Arizona is always in a different time zone. Since many visitors to New Mexico include other states in their trips, this could prove problematic. Additionally, states in the Central time zone would be two hours behind New Mexico during the months where they are usually on Standard Time. Given that much of New Mexico's drive market come from the Central time zone, this could cause difficulty for some of New Mexico's main origin markets.

Keeping New Mexico in Daylight Time (MDT) could cause issues for some businesses in the tourism industry. New Mexico's tourism industry has traditionally benefitted from the state's generous sunshine and outdoor activities, and many businesses are designed to operate during daylight hours exclusively to take advantage of this. Changing New Mexico's time zone to remain on MDT could mean that outdoor businesses that operate in daylight hours would need to adjust their business hours to accommodate the change and may lose revenue due to this. However, remaining on MDT could prove beneficial for other tourism businesses that might make use of the "extra" hour in the evenings to increase revenue.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

TECHNICAL ISSUES

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

ALTERNATIVES

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

AMENDMENTS