

**LFC Requester:****Julisa Rodriguez****AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS - 2026 REGULAR SESSION****WITHIN 24 HOURS OF BILL POSTING, UPLOAD ANALYSIS TO****[AgencyAnalysis.nmlegis.gov](http://AgencyAnalysis.nmlegis.gov) and email to [billanalysis@dfa.nm.gov](mailto: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:** Jan 24, 2026*Check all that apply:***Bill Number:** HB 131Original  Correction Amendment  Substitute **Agency Name****and Code**State Land Office - 539**Number:****Sponsor:** Rep. Cynthia Borrego**Person Writing** Sunalei Stewart**Short Title:** PLANNING BUREAU IN**Phone:** 505-827-5755 **Email** sstewart@nmslo.gov**Title:** EDD**SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT****APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)**

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY26	FY27		
	\$1,000,000	Nonrecurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis ( ) indicate expenditure decreases)

**REVENUE (dollars in thousands)**

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY26	FY27	FY28		
None	None	None		
None	None	None		

(Parenthesis ( ) indicate revenue decreases)

**ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)**

	FY26	FY27	FY28	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
<b>Total</b>	None	None	None			

(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: Synopsis: Establishes the Planning Bureau within the Economic Development Division of the Economic Development Department (EDD) to address issues relating to the state's growth and development and to help coordinate the state's use of land, facilities and resources. \$1 million (GF) is appropriated to EDD for use in FY 2027 and subsequent years for staffing the Planning Bureau.

#### **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

The listed consulting entities are expected to collaborate with the Planning Bureau in the preparation, and triennial update, of a comprehensive plan for future development of the state. This process can be expected to take staff time for one or more employees of each consulting entity. It is unclear if appropriated funds would also be available to address the workload of consulting entities through EED.

#### **SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

The bill proposes that the newly created Planning Bureau work in collaboration with several departments, authorities and commissions. The bill does not include the Commissioner of Public Lands in the comprehensive plan preparation and update process. The Commissioner manages approximately 9,000,000 surface acres of state trust land that provides numerous jobs, as well as substantial housing, and transportation resources. State trust land has a substantial economic impact in addition to directly producing over \$2.5 billion dollars in FY2025 from a broad array of leasing activities (including through economic development leases with local governments). Due to the substantial resources available on state trust land that could be included in the planning process, the Commissioner should be listed as a Planning Bureau consultee.

#### **PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS**

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

#### **CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP**

#### **TECHNICAL ISSUES**

#### **OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES**

The bill states that the Planning Bureau shall collaborate with nations, tribes or pueblos "upon request." NMSLO suggests that proactive outreach to nations, tribes and pueblos would be more appropriate. In addition, it may be beneficial to have the Planning Bureau coordinate with the Department of Indian Affairs.

The State Historic Preservation Officer or the Department of Cultural Affairs' Historic Preservation Division could also be added as a consulting party. There are hundreds of thousands

of cultural properties that have been documented on public lands in New Mexico which need to be considered during economic development to ensure successful projects.

The Local Government Division of the Department of Finance and Administration has a planning bureau that develops comprehensive plans, the EDD compiles a statewide economic development plan, and the Council of Governments Compiles Regional Comprehensive Economic Development Strategies (CEDS) for the respective regions. These plans also include job creation, housing and transportation that are updated as needed.

## **ALTERNATIVES**

## **WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL**

## **AMENDMENTS**

Include “Commissioner of Public Lands or designee” in Section 1 (Section 9-15-4.2(B)(1)).