

LFC Requester:

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AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS - 2026 REGULAR SESSION

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[AgencyAnalysis.nmlegis.gov](https://www.legis.nm.gov/AgencyAnalysis) 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: 1/29/2026

Check all that apply:

Bill Number: HB-203Original Correction Amendment Substitute

Sponsor:	Rep. Dow and Rep. Armstrong	Agency Name and Code Number:	Spaceport Authority		
Short	Spaceport Authority Membership	Person Writing	49500		
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SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT**APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)**

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY26	FY27		
\$0	\$0		

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		

(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: **Original Bill: This bill changes the appointing qualifications and replacement process for members of the Spaceport Authority Board.**

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

Note: major assumptions underlying fiscal impact should be documented.

Note: if additional operating budget impact is estimated, assumptions and calculations should be reported in this section.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

- Spaceport America is an FAA-licensed launch facility and hosts many types of customers, including horizontal and vertical rocket launches, rocket engine tests, aviation tests, various kinds of uncrewed aircraft systems (UAS), public events, movie shoots, and other kinds of activities. As such, it would be beneficial to the Spaceport Authority Board if directors have had experience in the “aerospace or aviation industry; bond financing, public finance or capital project funding; or practicing law or academic experience in aerospace, aviation, public infrastructure, regulatory compliance, public-private partnerships or a relevant science.”
- ~~NMSA recommends adding “related defense activities” to this list.~~
- ~~It is possible this list is not inclusive-expansive enough, and could exclude those well-suited well-suited to help guide the spaceport, such as those with other kinds of public policy experience.~~
- The addition of four people as nominators could temporarily complicate or otherwise slow the process of designating new members, since a means must also be decided to determine which vacancy is assigned to which nominee slot.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

- None known at this time.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

- None known at this time.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

- None known at this time.

TECHNICAL ISSUES

- None known at this time.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

- None known at this time.

ALTERNATIVES

- None known at this time.

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

- The status quo process will remain, which has resulted in many well-qualified board members.

AMENDMENTS