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**AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS  
2026 REGULAR SESSION**

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**SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION**

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**Original**        **Amendment**      
**Correction**        **Substitute**   

**Date** January 29, 2026  
**Bill No:** HB 206-280

**Sponsor:** Nicole Chavez and Andrea Reeb  
and Cristina Parajon  
**Short Title:** Crime Victim Reparation  
Additional Crimes

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**SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT**

**APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)**

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY25	FY26		

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

**REVENUE (dollars in thousands)**

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY25	FY26	FY27		

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

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

	<b>FY25</b>	<b>FY26</b>	<b>FY27</b>	<b>3 Year Total Cost</b>	<b>Recurring or Nonrecurring</b>	<b>Fund Affected</b>
<b>Total</b>						

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Duplicates/Conflicts with/Companion to/Relates to: **HB 60** Revise Certain Criminal Offense Definitions (adding crimes against peace officers to the Victims of Crime Act)

Duplicates/Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act

**SECTION III: NARRATIVE**

**BILL SUMMARY**

Synopsis:

HB 206 proposes the addition of certain crimes and changes to the Crimes Victims Reparation Act: to include crimes with corresponding psychological and/ or emotional harm.

HB 206 Section (A) (2) would add assault and battery, Section (A)(10) would add criminal sexual contact for adult victims, Section (A)(19) would add armed robbery, and Section (A)(12) would change great bodily *injury* by vehicle to great bodily harm by vehicle in the list of crimes to which the Crime Victims Reparation Act applies and for which reparation to victims may be made.

**FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

Any impact on LOPD is unlikely as the Reparations process is separate from any criminal proceedings. To the extent other justice partners have increased obligations under the expanded list of qualifying crimes, the bill may increase resource demands for prosecutors and probation/parole, and certainly the Reparations fund.

**SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

The added offenses largely involve psychological rather than physical harm, which is not unprecedented, but does expand the number of qualifying offenses compensating psychological harm, rather than physical injury. Given the limited capacity of the Crime Victims Reparation Fund, adding charges could have a significant impact on the Fund.

Finally, recognition under a compensation statute can encourage civil lawsuits, restitution claims, victim impact filings. Parallel civil exposure can complicate plea negotiations, create Fifth Amendment conflicts for defendants and can increase pressure to resolve criminal cases regardless of factual disputes.

**PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS**

Adding offenses formally in a victim’s compensation statute reinforces the institutional framing

of complainants as “victims” at an early stage – often before guilt is adjudicated. Additionally, defense attorneys often explore bias, motive, or interest when testing witness credibility, and eligibility for services under the Act can become relevant for impeachment purposes. Litigation around the scope of inquiry could occur.

Thus, expansion of the list could have subtle impacts on public defense practice.

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

None.

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

HB 60 Revise Certain Criminal Offense Definitions (adding crimes against peace officers to the Victims of Crime Act)

#### **TECHNICAL ISSUES**

Reviewer is unaware whether this legislation is germane under Art. IV, Section 5. It is not a budget bill, analyst is unaware if it has been drawn pursuant to a special message of the Governor, and it was not vetoed following the previous regular session

#### **OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES**

None.

#### **ALTERNATIVES**

None.

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

Status quo.

#### **AMENDMENTS**

None.