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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: 1/29/26 *Check all that apply:*
Bill Number: HB206 Original Correction
 Amendment Substitute

Sponsor: N. Chavez, A. Reeb, C. Parajon **Agency Name and Code** NMVCRC/78000
Short Title: Amending the Crime Victims Reparation Act. **Number:** _____
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SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY26	FY27		
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY26	FY27	FY28		
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

(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	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

The bill amends the Crime Victims Reparation Act to expand the list of enumerated offenses for which victims may receive reparations. The bill adds assault, battery, criminal sexual contact, and armed robbery as eligible offenses. This expansion broadens access to financial assistance for victims who incur expenses as a result of violent crime, including offenses that are currently classified as misdemeanors as well as felonies.

Synopsis: The bill expands eligibility under the Crime Victims Reparation Act by including assault, battery, criminal sexual contact, and armed robbery as compensable offenses, allowing additional victims of crime to access financial reparations.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

CVRC estimates no significant financial impact on either the operating budget or the Crime Victims Reparation Commission. CVRC historically, has identified alternative methods through “Emergency Assistance Funds” to cover related expenses when appropriate. Because this change primarily expands statutory eligibility criteria rather than mandating new programs, no additional appropriation is expected on agency operations or state spending.

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

Assault, battery, and many forms of criminal sexual contact are frequently misdemeanors under New Mexico law, whereas most current enumerated offenses eligible for compensation are felonies. Including armed robbery (a felony) aligns with existing eligibility for severe crimes, broadening reparations to additional violent victimizations.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

CVRC’s existing claims and review processes can integrate these new categories without altering baseline operations.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

CVRC anticipates minimal administrative implications, as no extensive new procedures, staffing, or reporting requirements are associated with merely expanding enumerated eligible offenses.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

None noted.

TECHNICAL ISSUES

None noted.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

None noted.

ALTERNATIVES

None noted.

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

CVRC strongly supports this expansion as it furthers the agency's mission to assist victims suffering financial burdens resulting from crime. Expanding eligibility provides greater financial relief options for victims whose expenses arise from offenses that previously did not qualify for reparation. HB206 is not expected to produce significant financial impacts on the state budget or the Crime Victims Reparation Fund. Direct financial effects are minimal because CVRC anticipates managing expanded eligibility within current resource structures and using alternative coverage methods where appropriate. Long-term demands on the fund could increase with higher application volumes, but this would be subject to actual case filings and future appropriations.

AMENDMENTS

None suggested.