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**AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS - 2026 REGULAR SESSION**

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**SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION**

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**Date Prepared:** February 4, 2026 *Check all that apply:*  
**Bill Number:** HB284 Original  Correction   
 Amendment  Substitute

**Sponsor:** Dixon & Ortez **Agency Name and Code** NMED-667  
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**SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT**

**APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)**

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY26	FY27		
N/A	None for the Department of Environment	N/A	General Fund

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

	FY26	FY27	FY28	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
<b>Total</b>	0	(\$322)	(\$281)	(\$603)	Recurring	63100

(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: HB284 creates an Office of Energy Information (OEI) as an administratively attached entity to the Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department (EMNRD). Under HB284, the Governor appoints a director to OEI with advice and consent of the Senate, who hires staff as

necessary to carry out its duty to collect, analyze and publish energy and emissions data across executive agencies.

HB284 requires the Department of Environment, among other state agencies, to provide energy and emissions data requested by OEI. HB284 creates a temporary Energy Information Working Group of state agency representatives to identify and propose formats for collections of relevant energy and emissions data.

HB284 appropriates \$3 million from the general fund for FY27 to the OEI.

### **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

The Department of Environment anticipates HB284 will necessitate \$322 thousand dollars (for 0.75 FTE, \$200 thousand of consultant support for quality assurance, and \$8 thousand for equipment) for FY27 to collect Department information, provide it to OEI, and participate in the Energy Information Working Group. The Department of Environment anticipates HB284 will require \$281 thousand in subsequent years for continued 0.5 FTE plus support in subsequent years for collecting energy information, confirming data quality, and providing it to OEI.

### **SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

The definition of “energy-sector entity” is broadly defined, potentially affecting a broad group of businesses in New Mexico. HB284 may require many energy-sector entities to duplicate current required reporting to federal agencies and other state agencies, including Department of Environment, Oil and Conservation Division, Public Regulation Commission, the Department of Agriculture and the New Mexico Department of Transportation.

### **PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS**

The appropriation does not fund OEI beyond FY27.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

None.

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

This bill has a relationship to SB18 as SB18 requires the Department of Environment to report specifically on greenhouse gas emissions in consultation with EMNRD, the New Mexico Department of Transportation, and other relevant federal, state, local and Tribal entities.

### **TECHNICAL ISSUES**

None.

### **OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES**

None.

## **ALTERNATIVES**

None.

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

The Department of Environment will continue to collect energy data related to emissions inventories contingent on funding; however, the energy data throughout the state may continue to be fragmented amongst various agencies if an OEI is not established.

## **AMENDMENTS**

None.