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AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS - 2025 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: 02/05/2026 *Check all that apply:*
Bill Number: HB312 Original Correction
 Amendment Substitute

Sponsor: Stefani Lord, John Block **Agency Name and Code Number:** 770-NMCD
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SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

| Appropriation | | Recurring or Nonrecurring | Fund Affected |
|---------------|------|---------------------------|---------------|
| FY25 | FY26 | | |
| 0 | 0 | N/A | N/A |
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(Parenthesis () indicate expenditure decreases)

REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

| Estimated Revenue | | | Recurring or Nonrecurring | Fund Affected |
|-------------------|------|------|---------------------------|---------------|
| FY25 | FY26 | FY27 | | |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | N/A | N/A |
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(Parenthesis () indicate revenue decreases)

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

| | FY25 | FY26 | FY27 | 3 Year Total Cost | Recurring or Nonrecurring | Fund Affected |
|--------------|------|-------------|-------------|-------------------|---------------------------|---------------|
| Total | 0 | Significant | Significant | Significant | Recurring | General |

(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: HB 312 requires sentencing judges to include “chemical castration treatment” as a condition of the convicted sex offender’s parole, and inform them about castration’s effects and side effects.

The bill defines this “treatment” as the use of hormonal drugs like medroxyprogesterone acetate, which is a form of birth control, or a chemical equivalent, “to reduce sexual violence recidivism.”

HB 312 requires defendants to begin chemical castration at least one month before they are released from prison. If the defendant is incarcerated during their parole term, the bill requires the Corrections Department to chemically castrate them.

If the defendant is released during their parole term, the bill requires their parole officer to tell them where to be chemically castrated. If the defendant refuses to be chemically castrated, the bill requires their parole officer to report a parole violation to the board, which results in their immediate return to prison.

Regardless of where the castration happens, HB 312 requires the defendant to pay “all of the costs associated.”

If the defendant begins chemical castration, the bill requires them to send the Parole Board “all medical records” relating to the castration, and they must continue until the board finds it “no longer necessary.”

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The Corrections Department would likely face increased costs related to medical treatment, personnel, training, administration, and compliance monitoring as a result of the legislation. The costs may be offset to some extent by the provision that parolees pay for the treatment; however, significant administrative and operational costs are expected.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

None for the Corrections Department.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

None for the Corrections Department.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

None for the Corrections Department.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

None for the Corrections Department.

TECHNICAL ISSUES

None for the Corrections Department.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

None for the Corrections Department.

ALTERNATIVES

None for the Corrections Department.

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

Status quo.

AMENDMENTS

None proposed by the Corrections Department.