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AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS - 2026 REGULAR SESSION

SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION

{Indicate if analysis is on an original bill, amendment, substitute or a correction of a previous bill}

Date Prepared: 1/19/25

Check all that apply:

Bill Number: HJR 1

Original Correction
 Amendment Substitute

Sponsor: Rep. Christine Chandler,
Sen. Jeff Steinborn

Agency Name and Code Number: 305 – New Mexico
Department of Justice

Short Title: BOARDS OF REGENTS
NOMINATING
COMMITTEES, CA

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SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY26	FY27		

(Parenthesis () indicate expenditure decreases)

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						

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates/Conflicts with/Companion to/Relates to:
Duplicates/Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act

SECTION III: NARRATIVE

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BILL SUMMARY

Synopsis:

Article 12, Section 13 of the New Mexico Constitution lays out the procedure for appointment of members of the Board of Regents for higher education institutions in the State of New Mexico. Article 12 Section 13 further sets forth the minimum requirements for members of the Board of Regents. Currently, the governor for the State of New Mexico has the power to nominate members of each board of regents and must receive consent from the senate for nonstudent members. For student members, the governor selects, with the consent of the senate, a student from a list provided by the university president of the institution.

HJR 1 would Amend Article XII, Section 13 by adding subsection (F) to create a nominating committee for each educational institution that is designated specifically to provide the governor a list of nominees for appointment of nonstudent members to the board of regents for those institutions. The legislature has exclusive authority to provide for the appointment, terms, powers and duties of the nominating committee.

A second change from HJR 1 is that nonstudent members chosen to the Board of Regents shall not have changed their political party 6 months prior to their appointment.

A third change from HJR 1 is that an elected student body of the institution shall provide the governor a list of students to be chosen for the student member of the Board of Regents, rather than the list being generated by the president of the institution.

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.

None.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

None.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

None.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

None.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

None.

TECHNICAL ISSUES

None.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

None.

ALTERNATIVES

None.

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

Status quo.

AMENDMENTS

None.