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AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS - 2026 REGULAR SESSION

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AgencyAnalysis.nmlegis.gov and email to billanalysis@dfa.nm.gov*(Analysis must be uploaded as a PDF)***SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION***{Indicate if analysis is on an original bill, amendment, substitute or a correction of a previous bill}*Date Prepared: 1/27/2026

Check all that apply:

Bill Number: HJR 1Original Correction Amendment Substitute Sponsor: Chandler/SteinbornAgency Name
and CodeCouncil of University Presidents -
993Short Boards of Regents Nominating

Number:

Title: Committees, CA

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Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY26	FY27		

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

BILL SUMMARY

HJR 1 proposes a constitutional amendment to Article 12, Section 13 of the New Mexico Constitution to modify the appointment process for boards of regents at state educational institutions. The amendment establishes nominating committees to provide lists of nominees to the Governor for appointment of nonstudent regents and revises the process for nominating student regents by requiring selection from a list provided by the elected student governing body of the institution rather than the institution president. The amendment further imposes political party balance requirements and a six-month political party registration “cooling-off” period prior to appointment, except for student body member. It also removes obsolete constitutional language related to prior transitional provisions. The specific amendments to the constitution include:

- For nonstudent members, no more than three members (or four for the University of New Mexico) can belong to the same political party, and they cannot have changed their political party registration within six months prior to appointment.
- The Governor shall nominate Regents from a list of names provided by a nominating committee for each institution, as provided by law.
- Amends current law so that the student regent is nominated from a list provided by the elected student governing body of the institution instead of the President.
- Modifies Section 1D so that nonstudent members cannot have changed their political party registration within 6 months prior to appointment.
- Strikes outdated language regarding the appointment of additional members to the University of New Mexico’s board of regents in 1987 and the appointment of a student member following a 2014 amendment.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

There will likely be costs associated with nominating committee members like per diem and mileage.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

TECHNICAL ISSUES

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

ALTERNATIVES

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