

LFC Requester:

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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}

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Check all that apply:

Bill Number: HJR 7

Original Correction

Amendment Substitute

Sponsor: Reps. Matthew McQueen and Rod Montoya

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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: Relates to and partially duplicates HJR6, Session Length and Bill Consideration Amendment
 Duplicates/Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act

SECTION III: NARRATIVE

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BILL SUMMARY

Synopsis: HJR 7 proposes amending Article IV, Section 5, of the New Mexico Constitution to remove the restriction on bills that may be considered in sessions convening in even-numbered years, and allowing bills on any subject to be considered in sessions convening in even-numbered years.

Section 1 proposes amending Article IV, Section 5, Paragraph (B) of the New Mexico Constitution by removing two restrictions on bills to be considered in even-numbered years: (1) budgets, appropriations and revenue bills; and (2) bills drawn pursuant to special message of the governor. It also allows any regular or extraordinary session to “consider for veto override bills of a regular, special or extraordinary session within the same legislative biennium.”

Section 2 provides that the amendment proposed by the resolution should be submitted for voter approval at the next general election or at any special election prior to that date that may be called for that purpose.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

None for the NMDOJ.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

None apparent.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

None for the NMDOJ.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

None for the NMDOJ.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

Relationship/Duplication: HJR 6 proposes amending Paragraph (A) of Article IV, Section 5 to provide for 45-day sessions in each year as opposed to 60-day sessions in odd-numbered years

and 30-day sessions in even-numbered years. It then duplicates the amendment to Paragraph (A) of Article IV, Section 5 proposed in HJR 7.

TECHNICAL ISSUES

None apparent.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

None apparent.

ALTERNATIVES

N/A

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

Status quo.

AMENDMENTS

N/A