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AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS - 2026 REGULAR SESSION

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SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION

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Date Prepared: 1/30/2026 *Check all that apply:*
Bill Number: House Memorial 23 Original Correction
 Amendment Substitute

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SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY26	FY27		
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY26	FY27	FY28		
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

(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	\$20.0	\$30.0	N/A	\$50.0	Nonrecurring	General Fund

(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: House Memorial 23 (HM 23)

HM 23 directs the Regulation and Licensing Department (RLD) and the Motor Vehicle Division of the Taxation and Revenue Department (MVD) to research and study the benefits of reestablishing a statewide motor vehicle safety inspection program (p. 3). The study is to take place during the 2026 legislative interim.

HM 23 incorporates information from outside studies and reports that indicate jurisdictions with motor vehicle safety inspection programs have significantly fewer fatal crashes than jurisdictions without such programs (pp. 1-2). HB 23 includes a recommendation from the National Highway Safety Administration that states have such a program (p. 2).

HM 23 notes New Mexico previously had a motor vehicle safety inspection program in the 1970s that proved too cumbersome for the state to continue to implement and that it subsequently ended (p. 3).

HM 23 directs the RLD and MVD to report the results of the study with a recommendation on how to efficiently implement the program to the Department of Transportation, the Department of Public Safety, the Governor and the New Mexico Legislative Council (p. 3).

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

HM 23 contains no language addressing the costs that will be incurred by the RLD when researching and studying the benefits of reestablishing a statewide motor vehicle safety inspection program. Although the RLD regularly conducts inspections relevant to a large number of specific professions and industries in New Mexico, the RLD has no programs or staff trained to conduct inspections of motor vehicles as contemplated in this Memorial. HM 23 mandates the study and report are to be completed during the 2026 legislative interim, so all costs would occur in FY26 and FY27. Therefore, the RLD anticipates the need to contract individuals or institutions with expertise in motor vehicles and motor vehicle safety inspections, requiring a minimal level of funding of fifty thousand (\$50,000.00) dollars to be spread over the end of FY26 and the first half of FY27. For the RLD to begin and facilitate the work necessary to organize and conduct the study, as well as produce a thorough and comprehensive report, the RLD would require additional funding for the Department's FY26 budget of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) and then an additional thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) in FY27.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

Without the additional funding detailed in the "Fiscal Implications" section (above) to enhance the RLD's budget in both FY26 and FY27, the RLD would be unable to take on and complete the duties required by HM 23.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

TECHNICAL ISSUES

As explained above, the RLD does not currently have programs or staffing with the required knowledge and abilities to conduct the study and prepare the reports required by HM 23. The RLD would be required to seek out individuals or institutions to contract with in order to obtain the knowledge and skills necessary to properly complete the tasks assigned by HM 23.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

ALTERNATIVES

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

AMENDMENTS

Appropriations in FY26 and FY27 for the RLD, as described in the “Fiscal Implications” section (above), will be necessary for the RLD to complete the tasks imposed by HM 23.