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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: HM29

Original Correction
Amendment Substitute

Sponsor: Reps. Andrea Romero,
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Agency Name and Code Number: 305 – New Mexico
Department of Justice

Short Title: Condemning Invasion of
Venezuela

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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:

The Memorial condemns the January 3, 2026, invasion of Venezuela by the United States of America (“U.S.”) ordered by President Donald J. Trump under the code name “Operation Absolute Resolve,” wherein President Nicolas Maduro and his wife, Cilia Flores, were captured and forcibly removed. It condemns the Trump administration (“Administration”) for taking military action against a sovereign nation without authority and collapsing the constitutional safeguards which curb military actions. It further condemns the direct violation of the United Nations charter.

HM 29 then details how, absent a clear transition plan, the presence of the U.S. Military in Venezuela is an illegal occupation, and that the seizure of Venezuelan oil for U.S. interests is a violation of international law.

HM 29 states that the American people deserve a transparent reporting on all nongovernmental and corporate entities operating in Venezuela during the U.S. occupation. The resolution further calls upon the Administration to promptly initiate a transition plan for the election of a legitimate government. Additionally, HM 29 states that U.S. corporations doing business in both New Mexico and Venezuela divest all Venezuelan holdings and interest, cease all activities and refrain from doing business in Venezuela until a democratically-elected government exists.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

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.