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AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS – 2026 REGULAR SESSION

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SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION

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

Date Prepared: 2/18/2026 *Check all that apply:*
Bill Number: HM 64 Original Correction
 Amendment Substitute

Sponsor: Rep. Abeyta, Rep. Lente	Agency Name and Code Indian Affairs Department 60900
Short <u>Build Capacity for Capital Outlay Changes</u>	Number: _____ Person Writing <u>Amanda Nezzie</u> Phone: <u>5056993354</u> Email <u>amanda.nezzie@iad.nm.gov</u>

SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring	Fund Affected
FY26	FY27		

REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

Estimated Revenue			Recurring	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		120.0	120.0	240.0	Recurring	Gen Fund

(Parenthesis () indicate revenue decreases)

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

SECTION III: NARRATIVE

BILL SUMMARY

Synopsis: HM 64 asks the Indian Affairs Department (IAD) to quickly build its capacity to provide technical assistance to nations, pueblos and tribes in New Mexico so tribal governments can more effectively use state capital outlay funding. The memorial notes that the Legislature is considering changes to the capital outlay process and that the department already plays a key role in helping tribes access and manage these funds.

The memorial asks IAD to expand its ability to support tribal capital outlay projects so funds can be used more efficiently and on time. It also directs that copies of the memorial be sent to the governor and the IAD secretary.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

IAD does not understand the intent and purpose of the memorial. IAD provides support to nations, pueblos, and tribes (NPTs) for capital outlay projects to include near daily communication with Tribal Administrators, Tribal Planners, Tribal Finance Department Staff, Tribal Program Managers, Tribal Project Managers, Tribal Department Chairs, and all other NPT staff involved with capital outlay.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

IAD already performs the actions noted in this Memorial.

IAD offers consistent training, including site visits to the NPTs to discuss and visit capital outlay projects and ensure NPTs have access to all relevant, current, and updated training materials offered across various state agencies including the Department of Finance (DFA), Infrastructure Planning and Development Division (IPDD), and others. In September and October 2025, IAD visited 22 of NPTs. In August and September 2025, IAD hosted training on HB 493 (2025) Public Finance Accountability Act to ensure NPTs were aware of the change from EO 2013-006.

IAD's regular communication includes sending project reports via email to ensure NPTs have current information on their active capital outlay projects. At a minimum, each month IAD CO/TIF team emails capital outlay contacts at the NPTs. IAD also responds to NPT requests for various information. Additionally, IAD emails quarterly memos to NPT Leadership and all capital outlay contacts detailing active capital outlay, tribal infrastructure fund, programmatic, and special funding with the next memo scheduled for March 2026.

IAD shares trainings available, including those from DFA, IPDD, and Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan trainings (next scheduled for February 25, 2026) and capital outlay requests (held prior to legislative session to assist all entities with applying for capital outlay) (November 13, 2025).

IAD also connects NPTs with various state agency resources. In January 2026, DFA launched the Technical Assistance Gateway (<https://tag.dfa.state.nm.us/wordpress/>), which connects entities to technical assistance resources. Other agency resources include connecting the NPT contacts directly with capital outlay employees at DFA, IPDD, and Aging and Long-Term Care Services Department (ALTSD).

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

IAD does not understand the term "quickly" in this context and within this memorial as stated. The memorial does not include an appropriation to support additional staffing or expanded capacity, if that is what the memorial is aiming to accomplish.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

TECHNICAL ISSUES

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

ALTERNATIVES

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

None.

AMENDMENTS