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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:	1/23/2026	<i>Check all that apply:</i>			
Bill Number:	Senate Bill 48	Original	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Correction	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Amendment	<input type="checkbox"/>	Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/>

Sponsor:	Sen. Mimi Stewart	Agency Name and Code Number:	New Mexico Finance Authority 385
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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

BILL SUMMARY

Synopsis: Senate Bill 48 authorizes the issuance by the State Fairgrounds District (“District”) of up to \$92 million of State Fairground District Bonds (“Bonds”) pursuant to the State Fairgrounds District Act (“Act”), Sec. 6-35-1 *et seq.*, NMSA 1978. The Bonds will be secured by all or a portion of the gross receipts tax distribution and the gaming tax distribution made pursuant to the provisions of Section 7-1-6.73 NMSA 1978.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The Act and District were created pursuant to Senate Bill 481 (2025 Reg. Sess.). Pursuant to the Act, Section 6-35-7, the District may issue bonds in a total principal amount not to exceed \$500 million. The district may pledge irrevocably the revenue received by the district from the gross receipts tax distribution and the gaming tax distribution pursuant to Section 7-1-6.73 NMSA 1978 to the payment of the principal and interest of the bonds. The District may only issue bonds after: (1) the state board of finance approves of the proposed issuance of bonds and the district development plan prepared in accordance with Section 6-35-10 of the Act; (2) the state board of finance makes a determination that the proceeds of the bonds will be used for projects in furtherance of the district development plan and in accordance with the Act; (3) the state board of finance makes a determination that the projects will generate sufficient revenue to repay the bonds; (4) the New Mexico Finance Authority (“NMFA”) approves of the Master Indenture and any amendments to the Master Indenture; and (5) legislative approval of the proposed issuance of the bonds. SB 48 fulfills that fifth condition prior to issuance of the Bonds. Issuance of the Bonds will reduce the overall authority of the District to issue additional bonds to the amount of \$408 million, and the revenues received by the District pursuant to Section 7-1-6.3 will be pledged irrevocably to the Bonds until the Bonds are paid in full, and will not be available for any other authorized use by the District.

Proceeds of the Bonds will be used to fund improvements within the District pursuant to the development plan of the District, leading to increased economic development, which will in turn result in increased gross receipts tax revenues and other revenues, in a virtuous cycle of economic development.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

None.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

None.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

The Act tasks the NMFA with reviewing and approving the Master Indenture prior to the Issuance of the Bonds. The NMFA has reviewed the draft Master Indenture and NMFA's comments have been incorporated into the final form of the Master Indenture. The NMFA will confirm prior to any bond closing that no substantive changes have been made to the approved form of the Master Indenture.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

None.

TECHNICAL ISSUES

None.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

None.

ALTERNATIVES

None.

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

The District will not be able to issue Bonds to fund improvements to infrastructure within the District, resulting in a lack of economic development of an economically and socially distressed part of the City of Albuquerque, with fewer economic opportunities and fewer residential options for the residents of the District and the City generally.

AMENDMENTS

None.