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AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS – 2026 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: 27JAN26 *Check all that apply:*
Bill Number: SB69 Original Correction
 Amendment Substitute

	Agency Name and Code
Sponsor: <u>Senator Michael Padilla</u>	Number: <u>790 – Department of Public Safety</u>
Short Title: <u>Front and Back License Plates</u>	Person Writing: <u>Matthew Broom, Deputy Chief</u>
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SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

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

(Parenthesis () indicate expenditure decreases)

REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

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

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates/Conflicts with/Companion to/Relates to: Similar to 2018 HB158 & 2019 HB231
 Duplicates/Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act

SECTION III: NARRATIVE

BILL SUMMARY

Synopsis: Senate Bill (SB-69) amends the Motor Vehicle Code to require vehicles in New Mexico to display license plates on both the vehicle's front and rear by the beginning of 2027. State law currently only requires a single license plate to be displayed on the rear.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

No fiscal implications for DPS.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

No significant issues for DPS. Requiring a front and rear plate may provide an additional means of identifying a vehicle in some circumstances, particularly when the rear plate is not visible. However, the overall operational impact to DPS is expected to be limited, as vehicle identification is typically based on a combination of factors and available information rather than reliance on a single identifier.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

No performance implication for DPS.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

Minimal administrative impact is anticipated for the Department of Public Safety (DPS). Implementation would primarily involve routine enforcement activities already conducted during traffic stops. DPS may need to update internal guidance, training materials, and public-facing informational resources to reflect the two-plate requirement before the effective 2027 date. Any such updates can be absorbed within existing administrative processes.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

No conflict, duplication, companionship, or relationship for DPS.

TECHNICAL ISSUES

No technical issues for DPS.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

No other substantive for DPS.

ALTERNATIVES

No alternatives for DPS.

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

Status Quo will remain.

AMENDMENTS

No amendments at this time.