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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, an amendment, a substitute or a correction of a previous bill}*

**Date Prepared:** 23Jan2026 *Check all that apply:*  
**Bill Number:** SB0073 Original  Correction   
 Amendment  Substitute

**Sponsor:** Heather Berghmans, Antoinette Sedillo Lopez and Cristina Parajón **Agency Name and Code:** 790 – Department of Public Safety  
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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
<b>Total</b>	NFI	NFI	NFI	NFI	N/A	N/A

(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**

Senate Bill 73 amends New Mexico law governing driver education to require all approved driver education and motorcycle safety courses to include a minimum of three hours of instruction and training on safely driving with vulnerable road users. The bill defines “vulnerable road user” to include pedestrians, cyclists, motorcyclists, and other individuals using transportation modes that do not provide a protective vehicle enclosure. SB 73 assigns responsibility to the Department of Transportation, through the Traffic Safety Bureau, to prescribe and enforce updated minimum driver education and training standards consistent with this requirement. The bill does not create new traffic offenses or penalties and becomes effective January 1, 2027.

### **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are no fiscal implications to DPS.

### **SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

No significant issues to DPS.

### **PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS**

No performance implications to DPS

### **ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

There are no administrative implications to DPS.

### **CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP**

SB 73 is consistent with existing traffic safety statutes and complements current DWI prevention and motorcycle safety education requirements. The bill does not conflict with or duplicate existing law.

### **TECHNICAL ISSUES**

No technical issues to DPS.

### **OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES**

No substantive issues to DPS.

### **ALTERNATIVES**

Not applicable as no impact to DPS.

### **WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL**

Status Quo Will Remain.

### **AMENDMENTS**

Not applicable as no impact to DPS