

**NMDOT NO IMPACT STATEMENT  
2026 REGULAR SESSION**

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**SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION**

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Bill No. SB 73

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**SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT**

**APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)**

Not applicable.

**REVENUE (dollars in thousands)**

Not applicable.

**ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)**

Not applicable.

**SECTION III: NARRATIVE**

**BILL SUMMARY**

Senate Bill 73 (SB 73) amends the Public School Code at NMSA1978 Section 22-13-12 to require driver education and motorcycle driver-education courses to include at least three hours of education and training on driving with 'vulnerable road users'.

The bill defines 'vulnerable road users' including but not limited to pedestrians, roadside workers and emergency personnel, persons riding or leading animals, persons lawfully operating or riding pedal powered vehicles, vehicles designed for farm use, skateboards, scooters, mopeds, motorcycles, roller or inline skates, animal drawn vehicles, and personal assistive mobility devices such as wheelchairs (electric or human powered).

In essence, SB 73 is to educate drivers about managing the inevitable interactions between themselves and users of the transportation system whose selected mode does not afford them the same level of protection afforded by a car or truck.

The bill requires that the Department of Education and the Traffic Safety Bureau (TSB) of the New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT) provide at least three hours of education and training on driving with ‘vulnerable road users’.

To achieve consistency, the bill amends corresponding sections of law at NMSA 1978 Sections 66-1-4.19, 66-7-506 and 66-10-5 of the Motor Vehicle Code to include the new vulnerable road users training in definitions and standards where appropriate.

## **NO IMPACT STATEMENT**

As proposed, SB 73 will not have a significant impact on the operations, administration, budget or revenue of the NMDOT. TSB will need to update 18.20.3 NMAC Driver Education Schools to implement the provisions of the bill, but as TSB is already working on other updates to that rule, any rule changes required to implement the provisions of the bill can be integrated into the existing efforts.

Because the bill has been determined to have no fiscal, operational, administrative or other impact on the NMDOT, the following categories are not applicable:

## **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

## **SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

## **PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS**

## **ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

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

## **TECHNICAL ISSUES**

## **OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES**

## **ALTERNATIVES**

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

## **AMENDMENTS**