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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: 1/27/2026 *Check all that apply:*
Bill Number: SB 104 Original Correction
 Amendment Substitute

Sponsor: Sen. Wirth and Sen. Campos **Agency Name and Code** Dept. of Game and Fish - 516
Short Title: Removal of Wildlife Commission Members **Number:** _____
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SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY26	FY27		
0	0	NA	NA

REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY26	FY27	FY28		
0	0	0	NA	NA

(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	0	0	0	0	NA	NA

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates/Conflicts with/Companion to/Relates to: None known
 Duplicates/Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act: None known

SECTION III: NARRATIVE

BILL SUMMARY

Synopsis:

The Bill amends 17-1-2 G NMSA 1978 as amended to provide a process to remove Commissioners from the State Wildlife Commission. Specifically, “a commissioner shall not be removed except for incompetence, neglect of duty or malfeasance in office. A proceeding for the removal of a commissioner may be commenced by the governor. A commissioner shall be given notice of the hearing and an opportunity to be heard before the commissioner is removed. The supreme court is given exclusive original jurisdiction over proceedings to remove commissioners, and its decision in connection with such matters shall be final.”

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS None known

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES None known

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS None known

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

Certainty related to tenure of Commissioners could lead to more consistency resulting in improved wildlife policy decisions.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP None known

TECHNICAL ISSUES None known

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES None known

ALTERNATIVES None known

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

If not enacted, the removal of State Wildlife Commissioners would remain the purview of the Governor.

AMENDMENTS None known