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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

BILL NUMBER: House Bill 299

SHORT TITLE: Highway 180 Road Project

SPONSOR: Reps. Terrazas and Jones/Sens. Ramos and Brantley

LAST ORIGINAL
UPDATE: _____ **DATE:** 2/7/2026 **ANALYST:** Simon

APPROPRIATION* (dollars in thousands)

| FY26 | FY27 | Recurring or Nonrecurring | Fund Affected |
|------|-------------|---------------------------|---------------|
| | \$350,000.0 | Recurring | General Fund |

*Amounts reflect most recent analysis of this legislation.

Relates to Senate Bill 2

Sources of Information

LFC Files

Agency or Agencies That Were Asked for Analysis but did not Respond
Department of Transportation

SUMMARY

Synopsis of House Bill 299

House Bill 299 (HB299) appropriates \$350 million to expand U.S. Highway 180 from two lanes to four lanes between Deming and Bayard in Luna County and Grant County.

HB299 would appropriate funds to the Department of Transportation (NMDOT) from FY26 to FY29.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$350 million contained in this bill is a nonrecurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended balance remaining at the end of FY29 would revert to the general fund.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The Department of Transportation's Statewide Transportation Improvement Program includes several projects to expand capacity of U.S. 180 between Deming and Bayard. Phase one of the project, covering the portion of US-180 between Bayard and Hurley, began in 2024 and,

according to information in the state’s accounting system, has mostly been expended. Phases two and three, covering the portion of US-180 from Hurley to Deming are currently scheduled to go to bid in the second quarter of FY28. However, NMDOT has not yet fiscally constrained these projects and they are currently included in the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program as informational.

Phases of the US-180 Capacity Improvement Project
(costs in thousands)

| Phase | Road Portion | Letting Date | Project Cost Estimates | | | | Expended as of 2/7/26 |
|--------------|-----------------------|--------------|------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| | | | State Road Fund | Federal Formula | Other | Total | |
| | Study Phase | | \$1,940.8 | \$4,440.9 | \$185.8 | \$6,567.5 | \$5,126.6 |
| 1 | Bayard to Hurley | 1/19/2024 | \$2,714.3 | \$15,929.0 | \$26,761.5 | \$47,405.1 | \$41,762.2 |
| 2 | Hurley to County Line | 11/19/2027 | \$18,930.7 | \$111,087.8 | | \$130,018.4 | \$0.5 |
| 3 | County Line to Deming | 11/19/2027 | \$29,120.0 | \$170,880.0 | | \$200,000.0 | |
| Total | | | \$52,705.8 | \$302,337.6 | \$26,947.4 | \$383,991.0 | \$46,889.3 |

Note: Phase 2 and 3 are not fiscally constrained and are included in the STIP as informational.

Source: Statewide Transportation Improvement Program; SHARE

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

HB299 relates to Senate Bill 2, which authorized the Transportation Commission to issue \$1.5 billion in bonds for road construction projects. According to information provided by the department, the department could use \$155 million in bond revenue for phase two of the project.

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