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**AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS  
2024 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}*

Check all that apply:  
**Original**        **Amendment**      
**Correction**        **Substitute**   

**Date** 1/17/2024  
**Bill No:** HB61

**Sponsor:** Andrea Reeb  
**Short Title:** Aggravated Battery on a Peace Officer

**Agency Name and Code Number:** 770 - NMCD  
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**SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT**

**APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)**

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY24	FY25		
0	0	N/A	N/A

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

**REVENUE (dollars in thousands)**

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY24	FY25	FY26		
0	0	0	N/A	N/A

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

	<b>FY24</b>	<b>FY25</b>	<b>FY26</b>	<b>3 Year Total Cost</b>	<b>Recurring or Nonrecurring</b>	<b>Fund Affected</b>
<b>Total</b>	0	Minimal	Minimal	Minimal	Recurring	General

(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**

Synopsis: House Bill 61 proposes to make the crime of committing aggravated battery on a police officer a second-degree felony when 1) inflicting great bodily harm; 2) doing so with a deadly weapon; or 3) doing so in any manner whereby great bodily harm or death can be inflicted.

Currently this crime is a third-degree felony. Changing the degree of the felony from third to second degree increases the statute of limitations for prosecution from five to six years, increases the basic sentence from three to nine years, and the potential fine from \$5,000 to \$10,000.

Effective date is July 1, 2024.

**FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

The department’s financial implications would rely on the outcomes of prosecutions and convictions, potentially leading to a rise in individuals convicted of felonies. Increasing the degree from a third to a second degree felony would increase the basic sentence from three to nine years which would triple the amount to house the inmate. The average cost per inmate for the department, based on calculations from FY23 expenditures, is around \$57,103 a year or roughly \$156 per day. In comparison, the average cost to oversee an individual on community supervision is approximately \$6,108. The overall cost increase to the department as a result of this legislation is expected to be minimal.

**SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

None for the Corrections Department.

**PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS**

None for the Corrections Department.

**ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

None for the Corrections Department.

**CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP**

None for the Corrections Department.

**TECHNICAL ISSUES**

None for the Corrections Department.

**OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES**

None for the Corrections Department.

**ALTERNATIVES**

None proposed by the Corrections Department.

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

Status quo.

**AMENDMENTS**

None proposed by the Corrections Department.