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**AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS
2024 REGULAR SESSION**

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SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION

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Check all that apply:

Original Amendment _____
Correction _____ Substitute _____

Date 1/23/2024

Bill No: HJR 7

Sponsor: A. Rubio; J. Garratt; K. Duhigg; K. Ortez; B. O'Neill
Short Title: COMMISSION ON LEGISLATIVE SALARIES, CA

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SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY24	FY25		

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY24	FY25	FY26		

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY24	FY25	FY26	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total			Unknown		Recurring	Unknown, presumably general fund

(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:

HJR 7 amends the New Mexico state constitution to establish the citizen commission on legislative salaries as an independent state agency for the purpose of establishing, adjusting and limiting the salaries of members of the legislature. The commission is charged with filing a report on legislative salaries with the Secretary of State on or before January 1, 2026 and at least every four years thereafter. Such salaries are to become effective the first full state employee pay period in July following the adoption of the report. Members of the commission are not compensated other than per diem and mileage rates as provided by law.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The resolution states that commission members are unpaid but does not address the need for commission staff or a recurring operating budget. Presumably, if the amendment were approved by the electorate in the fall of 2024, the commission would need to begin operations no later than the beginning of fiscal year 2026 on July 1, 2025, in order to submit its first report by January 1, 2026. Thus any operating budget for the commission would need to be appropriated by the legislature in the 2025 legislative session.

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