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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR House Judiciary Committee **LAST UPDATED** _____
ORIGINAL DATE 3/3/2025
BILL CS/House Bill
SHORT TITLE No Statutory Bill Intro Deadline **NUMBER** 256/HJCS
ANALYST Leger

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT* (dollars in thousands)

Agency/Program	FY25	FY26	FY27	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Legislative Branch	No fiscal impact	\$10.0 to \$25.0	\$18.0 to \$45.0	\$28.0 to \$70.0	Recurring	General Fund

Parentheses () indicate expenditure decreases.

*Amounts reflect most recent analysis of this legislation.

Relates to House Concurrent Resolution 1 and House Joint Memorial 2

Sources of Information

LFC Files

SUMMARY

Synopsis of HJC Substitute for House Bill 256

The House Judiciary Committee Substitute for House Bill 256 (HB256) amends 2-6-1 NMSA 1978 to change the introduction of legislation deadline to after the 15th day prior to the expiration of the session.

This bill does not contain an effective date and, as a result, would go into effect 90 days after the Legislature adjourns if enacted, or June 20, 2025.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The full-time legislative agencies responsible for researching and drafting legislation, as well as writing fiscal impact reports, require additional staff to meet the demand of bill drafting and analysis for the full 30 or 60 days of a legislative session. A review of contracts listed on the legislative website shows multiple contracts that range from \$10 thousand to \$25 thousand for the 2025 legislative session (60-day session) for legislation research and drafting and writing of fiscal impact reports. Expenses will vary from 30-day session to 60-day session.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

Currently, in odd years a bill can be introduced until the thirteenth legislative day and in even years the fifteenth day.

RELATIONSHIP

This bill relates to House Concurrent Resolution 1 (HCR1), which amends the joint rules of the House and Senate to limit the number of bills a member can introduce or sponsor to five bills in a regular legislative session.

This bill also relates House Joint Memorial 2 (HJR2), which requests that the Legislative Council convene a task force to study combining standing and interim committees into committees that function during the legislative session and the interim.

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