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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Pettigrew/Jones LAST UPDATED _____
ORIGINAL DATE 2/3/2024
BILL
SHORT TITLE Interim Transportation Committee NUMBER House Bill 230
ANALYST Simon

APPROPRIATION* (dollars in thousands)

FY24	FY25	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
	\$60	Recurring	General Fund

Parentheses () indicate expenditure decreases.

*Amounts reflect most recent analysis of this legislation.

Sources of Information

LFC Files

Agency Analysis Received From
Department of Transportation (NMDOT)

Agency Analysis was Solicited but Not Received From
Legislative Council Service

SUMMARY

Synopsis of House Bill 230

House Bill 230 create an interim transportation committee for the New Mexico Legislature and appropriates \$60 thousand in FY25 to the Legislative Council Service (LCS) for expenses of the interim transportation committee.

HB230 provides for the appointment of 12 members of the transportation committee, with seven appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives and five members appointed by the Committees' Committee of the Senate, unless Senate appointments are made in the interim, in which case the president pro tempore of the Senate may appoint members after consulting with a majority of members of the committee's committee. Appointments from each political party are required to be in proportion to the share of the political party's membership in each chamber.

HB230 lists the duties of the committee, including a study of program, agencies, policies, issues, needs, technologies, statutes, constitutional provisions, and regulations related to transportation.

The committee is authorized to create subcommittees. These provisions are comparable to the duties of other interim committees created in statute but applied to the issue area of transportation policy.

This bill does not contain an effective date and, as a result, would go into effect 90 days after the Legislature adjourns, or May 15, 2024, if enacted.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$60 thousand contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY25 shall revert to the general fund.

Analysis from LCS on the potential impact on the agency's operating budget is not available. However, LCS currently manages expenses and provides staff support for 20 interim committees, including the Transportation Infrastructure Revenue Subcommittee. The \$60 thousand appropriated by HB230 would likely be supplemented with existing resources in the agency's base operating budget.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

HB230 would create a new interim legislative committee in state law. Interim legislative committees are created in two ways: by statute or by creation of the Legislative Council. A listing of interim legislative committees from August 2023 notes 13 of the 22 interim legislative committees are created in statute, while nine interim committees have been created by the Legislative Council, including the Transportation Infrastructure Revenue Subcommittee.

HB230 would require LCS to provide staff support to the transportation committee. Legislative Council Service currently provides staff support for 20 interim committees and two interim committees, the Legislative Education Study Committee and Legislative Finance Committee, have separate staff.

Analysis from Department of Transportation notes the department would provide technical information to the committee when requested. The department currently provides the interim Transportation Infrastructure Revenue Subcommittee with testimony and materials on a regular basis, making it unlikely a new committee structure would be burdensome to the department.

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