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AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS - 2025 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}

Date Prepared: 1/15/2025 *Check all that apply:*
Bill Number: HB61 Original Correct
 Amendment Substit

Sponsor: Christine Chandler **Agency Name and Code** 632
Short Title: Unfair Practices Act **Number:** _____
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SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY25	FY26		
N/A	N/A		

(Parenthesis () indicate expenditure decreases)

REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY25	FY26	FY27		
N/A	N/A	N/A		

(Parenthesis () indicate revenue decreases)

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY25	FY26	FY27	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total	NFI	NFI	NFI	NFI	NFI	NFI

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates/Conflicts with/Companion to/Relates to: **None Known**
Duplicates/Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act: **None Known**

SECTION III: NARRATIVE

BILL SUMMARY

Synopsis: **The bill amends the NM Unfair Practices Act by amending the definitions of “trade/commerce”; “unfair deceptive trade practices” and “unconscionable trade practice.” The bill expands on the existing definitions of these terms relative to the current version of the law in that more types of “unfair” conduct would fall within the purview of the law. The bill raises the minimum penalty imposed for violations of the Act; imposes a new penalty if the violation arises out of a state disaster or emergency; and permits the NM attorney general to recover costs of investigation and enforcement if a court imposes a civil liability.**

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS: There are no fiscal implications upon the WCA.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES: None to the WCA.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS: None to the WCA.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS: None to the WCA.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP: None known.

TECHNICAL ISSUES: None known.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES: None known.

ALTERNATIVES: None known.

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL: Existing law will remain in place.

AMENDMENTS