



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

	<b>FY25</b>	<b>FY26</b>	<b>FY27</b>	<b>3 Year Total Cost</b>	<b>Recurring or Nonrecurring</b>	<b>Fund Affected</b>
<b>Total</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates/Conflicts with/Companion to/Relates to: n/a  
Duplicates/Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act n/a

**SECTION III: NARRATIVE**

**BILL SUMMARY**

Synopsis:

HB 68 amends the Apprenticeship Council Act, of the Employment and Training Administration, § 50-7-4 NMSA 1978, by restricting the apprentice-to-journeyman ratio to one-to-one for trade program standards registered in the building and construction industry trade. In order to qualify as a registered apprentice for the apprenticeship program under the Apprenticeship Council Act in a trade classifications requiring journeyman certification, the apprentice must be supervised by an individual who: (1) Has obtained a journeyman certificate of competence in the trade classification that the individual will be supervising; and (2) is recognized by the Construction Industries Division (CID) of the New Mexico Regulation and Licensing Department (RLD) as properly certified to engage in the journeyman classification.

**FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

There is no direct fiscal impact anticipated for the RLD if HB 68 is enacted.

**SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

The CID regulates the certification of journeyman in the mechanical and plumbing, electrical and medical gas trades. As part of that regulation, the CID establishes the apprentice-to-journeyman ratios by trade for unregistered apprentices.<sup>1</sup>

Certified mechanical and plumbing journeymen are permitted to supervise unregistered apprentices in the trade for which they are certified at a ratio of 1:2 for commercial and industrial work; 1:3 for residential work and 1:1 for annual permit work.

Certified electrical journeymen are permitted to supervise unregistered apprentices for the trade in which they are certified at a ratio of 1:2 for commercial and industrial work; 1:2 for commercial or industrial special systems low-voltage work; 1:3 for residential work and 1:1 for annual permit work.

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<sup>1</sup> Unregistered apprentice is defined as a person who is learning a trade of journeyman and is not registered in an apprenticeship program recognized by the New Mexico state apprenticeship council.

Certified plumber, pipefitter, gas or plumber-gas journeymen are permitted to supervise unregistered apprentices in the trade for which they certified at a ratio of 1:2 for commercial and industrial work and 1:3 for residential work.

HB 68, as currently written, does not impact CID's regulation and enforcement of its rules for unregistered apprentice-to-journeyman ratios and CID does not regulate or enforce rules for registered apprenticeship programs under the Apprenticeship Council Act.

**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**