LFC Requester:

AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS 2025 REGULAR SESSION

SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION

Original	Х	Amendment	
Correction		Substitute	

 Date
 February 3, 2025

 Bill No:
 HB220

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SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring	Fund	
FY25	FY26	or Nonrecurring	Affected	

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

Estimated Revenue			Recurring	Fund
FY25	FY26	FY27	or Nonrecurring	Affected

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

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

(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

<u>Synopsis:</u> HB220 will allow ignition-resistance construction in areas with wildfire risk and will protect against unreasonable requirements for construction materials or landscaping that are ignitable and poses a fire hazard. The bill will also allow ignition-resistant construction in homeowner association bylaws and limit homeowner association ability to require

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

HB220 will make a significant contribution to New Mexico's ability to stop the spread of dangerous wildfires by preventing homeowner associations from requiring flammable construction materials and landscaping. Features such as coyote fences act as "wicks" for wildfires and can lead to structure ignition, which in turn leads to structure-to-structure spread of wildfire. HB220 is necessary to require that homeowner association bylaws are consistent with national standards for ignition-resistant construction and the requirements established by the insurance institute for business and home safety.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

TECHNICAL ISSUES

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

ALTERNATIVES

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

Homeowner associations will continue to require the use of construction materials and landscaping that contribute to dangerous wildfire spread. For example, some homeowner associations currently require a visual screen of coyote fencing around propane tanks, and concerned property owners would continue to be forced to erect such screening even if it puts their home at risk.

AMENDMENTS