

LFC Requester:

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AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS - 2025 REGULAR SESSION

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Date Prepared: 3/1/25

Check all that apply:

Bill Number: HB507

Original Correction Amendment Substitute

Sponsor: Rep. Pettigrew

Short Title: Rule Change Public Comment

Title: Period

Agency Name

and Code

HCA 630

Number:

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SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT**APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)**

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY25	FY26		
\$0.0	\$0.0	NA	NA

(Parenthesis () indicate expenditure decreases)

REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY25	FY26	FY27		
NA	NA	NA	NA	NA

(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	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA

(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

Synopsis:

HB 508 would change parts of NMSA 14-4-2 dealing with State Rule promulgation.

A definition is added:

“H. "substantial change" means a change to a proposed rule that alters the meaning or effect of a regulatory provision of the rule.””

Also, a new section is added to NMSA Chapter 14 which would add at some point, twenty-one days for additional public comment pursuant to the definition change of a ”substantial change”.

Notice of the extended public comment period is required and contents of the Notice for that closely follow current Notice Statutes.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

None for the HCA

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The Bill does not indicate who or how a determination of “Substantial” will be done. A proposed Rule is, in and of itself, a change of the existing Regulations. The normal process is to publish the proposed Rule, consider the public input, and either adopt the Bill or terminate/repeal it. It is already at least a proposed regulatory alteration of meaning or effect. If a statute is seen to be altered by interpretation and imposition, this is already precluded by 14-4-5.7. If the purpose of the Bill is to add more time to the public input process, that can be proposed without the complicating definition.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

None for the HCA

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

No IT impact.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

Relationship to House Bill 425

TECHNICAL ISSUES

None for the HCA

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

Adoption of the bill will increase staff time in the rulemaking process to respond to public comments and will likely extend the time of the rulemaking process to provide the written responses.

ALTERNATIVES

Staus quo

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

Status quo

AMENDMENTS