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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR <u>Szczepanski</u>	LAST UPDATED _____
	ORIGINAL DATE <u>1/21/2025</u>
SHORT TITLE <u>Feed Bill</u>	BILL NUMBER <u>House Bill 1/ec</u>
	ANALYST <u>Courtney</u>

APPROPRIATION* (dollars in thousands)

FY25	FY26	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
	\$47,547.6	Recurring	General Fund
\$15,736.7	\$465.8	Nonrecurring	General Fund
\$1,000.0	\$4,000.0	Nonrecurring	Fund Balance

Parentheses () indicate expenditure decreases.
 *Amounts reflect most recent analysis of this legislation.

Relates to appropriations in the General Appropriations Act

Sources of Information

LFC Files

SUMMARY

Synopsis of the Bill

House Bill 1 appropriates \$68.75 million from the general fund and cash balances for legislative session expenses and to various legislative agencies for interim expenses, including fiscal year 2026 (FY26) operating budgets of the Legislative Council Service (LCS), Legislative Finance Committee (LFC), Legislative Education Study Committee (LESC), and House and Senate chief clerk offices. Other appropriations include pre-session expenses, the legislative internship program, expenses of the Senate Rules Committee, and district office staff. The bill includes an emergency clause to take effect immediately on signature by the governor.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

House Bill 1 appropriates \$16.2 million nonrecurring general fund revenue, including \$11.5 million to fund the expenses of the First Session of the Fifty-Seventh Legislature. Other nonrecurring expenses include legislative information systems for \$3.2 million, national dues and membership fees for \$466 thousand (FY26), and two appropriations to the Legislative Finance Committee for the statewide job architecture study for \$750 thousand and economic analysis software for \$350 thousand. House Bill 1 also includes four nonrecurring appropriations from legislative fund balances, including three appropriations in FY25 for a legislative processing system, support for a meeting of NCSL’s law and clerks’ section to be held

in Santa Fe, and ongoing support of a laws database. The fourth nonrecurring appropriation from legislative fund balances is for \$4 million is included for equipment, furniture, upgrades and repairs for the New Mexico State Capitol Complex and is made for FY26. House Bill 1 includes \$47.5 million from the general fund for recurring expenses for legislative offices, including LCS, LFC, LESC and the House and Senate chief clerk offices, pre-session expenses, and the legislative internship program. House Bill 1 also includes a \$14 million general fund appropriation for district office staff. Notably, Legislative Building Services is funded in the General Appropriation Act and is not included in the recurring total referenced above. A complete picture of legislative appropriations including the GAA recommendation for Legislative Building Services is included in the budget summary table below.

BUDGET SUMMARY
(Dollars in Thousands)

USES	FY24	FY25	FY26		Percent Incr/(Decr) Over FY25
	2023-2024 Actuals	Operating Budget	Agency Request	House Bill 1	
111 Legislative Council Service	8,084.6	10,829.7	12,184.6	12,184.6	12.5%
112 Legislative Finance Committee	5,820.1	7,460.7	7,460.7	7,460.7	0.0%
114 Senate Chief Clerk	1,974.9	3,422.0	3,525.0	3,422.0	0.0%
115 House Chief Clerk	2,313.4	3,425.2	3,528.0	3,669.8	7.1%
117 Legislative Education Study Committee	1,629.5	1,898.7	1,946.2	1,946.2	2.5%
119 Legislative Building Services (GAA)*	4,801.1	6,005.9	6,034.7	6,034.7	0.5%
131 Interim Committee Expenses	2,058.6	3,000.0	3,000.0	4,000.0	33.3%
131 Pre-Session Expenses	384.2	510.0	525.3	510.0	0.0%
131 Legislative Internship Program	43.2	60.0	61.8	61.8	3.0%
131 Senate Rules Interim Committee	28.3	35.0	36.0	35.0	0.0%
131 Capital Buildings Planning Commission	89.5	250.0	257.5	257.5	3.0%
131 District Office Staff	0.0	6,000.0	16,000.0	14,000.0	133.3%
TOTAL	\$27,227.4	\$42,897.2	\$54,559.8	\$53,582.3	24.9%
FY24-FY25					
NONRECURRING (FY25-26)	Actuals to-date			FY25/FY26	
131 Legislative Information Systems	2,143.4	2,773.6	3,188.9	3,188.9	15.0%
131 National Dues & Membership Fees	435.3	475.1	489.4	465.8	-2.0%
NONRECURRING from Cash Balances					
				FY25/FY26	
131 Equipment, Furniture, Upgrades and Repairs				4,000.0	
131 Planning, Development, Design, Leg Processsing System				500.0	
131 NCSL Leg Clerks and Secretaries Meeting				100.0	
131 Laws Database				400.0	
NONRECURRING from General Fund					
112 Legislative Finance Committee Statewide Job Architecture			750.0	750.0	
112 Legislative Finance Committee Economic Analysis Software			350.0	350.0	
NONRECURRING					
2025 Legislature		11,447.8			
2024 Legislature		6,271.80			
2023 Legislature		9,249.00			
2022 Legislature		6,181.50			
2021 Legislature		10,307.10			
2020 Legislature		5,183.20			

*Legislative Building Services is funded in the General Appropriation Act with the total reflecting both the agency request and the LFC recommendation.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

Section 2 provides standards for bills and other printed materials.
 Section 10 provides category transfer authority for legislative agencies.
 Section 11 addresses legislative performance measures.
 Section 12 includes an emergency clause.