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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

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	One-to-One Apprentice to Journeyman	<b>ORIGINAL DATE</b>	<u>1/24/25</u>
<b>SHORT TITLE</b>	<u>Ratios</u>	<b>BILL</b>	
		<b>NUMBER</b>	<u>House Bill 68</u>
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### ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT\* (dollars in thousands)

Agency/Program	FY25	FY26	FY27	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
RLD	No fiscal impact	No fiscal impact	No fiscal impact	\$0	Recurring	General Fund
Total	No fiscal impact	No fiscal impact	No fiscal impact	\$0	Recurring	General Fund

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

### Sources of Information

LFC Files

Agency Analysis Received From  
 Regulation and Licensing Department (RLD)

## SUMMARY

### Synopsis of House Bill 68

House Bill 68 (HB68) amends Section 50-7-4 NMSA 1978 to restrict 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 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

RLD is expecting no direct fiscal impact to its operations from HB68 as it already monitors apprentice-to-journeyman ratios, many of which are only slightly higher than one-to-one.

## SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

CID regulates the certification of journeyman in the mechanical and plumbing, electrical, and medical gas trades. Under this regulation, CID allows journeyman to participate in the apprentice-to-journeyman ratios by trade. This relationship allows unregistered apprentices to work with a licensed journeyman. An unregistered apprentice is defined as a person who is learning a trade is not registered in an apprenticeship program recognized by the New Mexico state apprenticeship council. The Regulation and Department states:

“HB68, 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”

## **POSSIBLE QUESTIONS**

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