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AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS - 2025 REGULAR SESSION
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SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION

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Date Prepared: January 28, 2025 *Check all that apply:*
Bill Number: HB 30 Original Correction
 Amendment Substitute

Sponsor: Representative Kathleen Cates **Agency Name and Code** Tourism 418
Short Title: MOTOR CARRIER SAFETY ACT CHANGES **Number:** _____
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SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY25	FY26		
NFI	NFI	NFI	NFI

(Parenthesis () indicate expenditure decreases)

REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

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

(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	NFI	NFI	NFI	NFI	NFI	NFI

(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 30 amends and enacts sections of the Motor Carrier Safety Act; provides requirements for the drivers, vehicles and equipment of motor carriers of railroad employees; and authorizes the New Mexico Department of Transportation (DOT) to inspect, review audit and investigate to ensure compliance of railroad act.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

None

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

HB 30 is primarily geared towards motor carriers of railroad employees and requirements for their drivers. However, this bill could have implications for the tourism industry in New Mexico as it would impact tour operators for the state who fall under the Motor Carrier Safety Act.

Specifically, HB 30 amends the Act to include a definition of “on-duty time” which would mean the time that a driver begins to work, or is required to be ready to work until the driver is relieved from work. It includes time spent: Driving; at a terminal, facility or other property of a contract carrier; waiting to be dispatched; in working hours by a driver while under employment or agreement with another employer who is not a motor carrier of railroad employees; and inspecting, servicing, condition or attending to a vehicle.

This could expand the definition of “on-duty time” for tour operative drivers in New Mexico, depending on the business model of the tour operator business. This could have financial impacts to those businesses if they have not factored in “on-duty time” for the duties outlined in HB 30.

HB 30 would not have direct impacts related to the New Mexico Tourism Department.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

None

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

None

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

None

TECHNICAL ISSUES

None

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

None

ALTERNATIVES

None

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

The Motor Carrier Act will not be amended related to motor carriers of railroad employees and will not add a new definition of “on-duty time.”

AMENDMENTS

None