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

{Indicate if analysis is on an original bill, amendment, substitute or a correction of a previous bill}

Date Prepared: 1/30/25 *Check all that apply:*
Bill Number: HB 66 Original X Correction
 Amendment Substitute

Sponsor: Rep. Herndon **Agency Name and Code** 995 NMC
Short Title: WORKER'S COMPENSATION CHANGES **Number:** _____
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SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY25	FY26		

(Parenthesis () indicate expenditure decreases)

REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY25	FY26	FY27		

(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						

(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: Amends a section of statutory law relating to Public Works Contracts to require that, for public works projects undertaken by a municipality or a county through the issuance of an industrial revenue bond, contractors and other employers must pay the prevailing wage and comply with provisions of Sec.13-4-11 (Prevailing wage and benefit rates determined; minimum wages and fringe benefits on public works; weekly payment; withholding funds).

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

HB66 would likely substantially increase costs associated with workers' compensation claims. In 2024 the New Mexico County Insurance Authority, the self-insurance pool which provides workers' compensation coverage for 31 counties, paid \$247,619.04 in attorney fees for workers' compensation cases in 2024. A 33% increase in fees would put pressure on this publicly funded pool that provides coverage for 9,234 employees. While this increase may be warranted, the legislature should follow the recommendations of the House Memorial 83 task force and not include the automatic future inflation adjustments to the fee cap contained in the bill.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

TECHNICAL ISSUES

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

ALTERNATIVES

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

AMENDMENTS