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AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS 2025 REGULAR SESSION

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SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION

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Check all that apply: Original X Amendment Correction Substitute		Date January 16, 2025 Bill No: HB 68		
Sponsor:	Reps. Joy Garratt and Kathleen Cates	Agency Name and Code Number:	Regulation and Licensing Department-420	
Short Title:	One-to-One Apprentice to Journeyman Ratios	Person Writing Phone:	Lori Chavez Email Lori.chavez1@rld.nm.	
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APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropr	iation	Recurring	Fund Affected	
FY25	FY26	or Nonrecurring		
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

	Recurring	Fund		
FY25	FY26	FY27	or Nonrecurring	Affected
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY25	FY26	FY27	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates/Conflicts with/Companion to/Relates to: n/a Duplicates/Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act n/a

SECTION III: NARRATIVE

BILL SUMMARY

Synopsis:

HB 68 amends the Apprenticeship Council Act, of the Employment and Training Administration, § 50-7-4 NMSA 1978, by restricting 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 under the Apprenticeship Council Act 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

There is no direct fiscal impact anticipated for the RLD if HB 68 is enacted.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The CID regulates the certification of journeyman in the mechanical and plumbing, electrical and medical gas trades. As part of that regulation, the CID establishes the apprentice-to-journeyman ratios by trade for unregistered apprentices. ¹

Certified mechanical and plumbing journeymen are permitted to supervise unregistered apprentices in the trade for which they are certified at a ratio of 1:2 for commercial and industrial work; 1:3 for residential work and 1:1 for annual permit work.

Certified electrical journeymen are permitted to supervise unregistered apprentices for the trade in which they are certified at a ratio of 1:2 for commercial and industrial work; 1:2 for commercial or industrial special systems low-voltage work; 1:3 for residential work and 1:1 for annual permit work.

¹ Unregistered apprentice is defined as a person who is learning a trade of journeyman and is not registered in an apprenticeship program recognized by the New Mexico state apprenticeship council.

Certified plumber, pipefitter, gas or plumber-gas journeymen are permitted to supervise unregistered apprentices in the trade for which they certified at a ratio of 1:2 for commercial and industrial work and 1:3 for residential work.

HB 68, 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.

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