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# **AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS - 2025 REGULAR SESSION**

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Short Title:	Anti-Hazing Act		Person Writing Phone: 505-454-			nie Gonzales/RobertaOrt VPFA@nmhu.edu	tiz
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# **APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)**

Appropriation		Recurring	Fund	
FY25	FY26	or Nonrecurring	Affected	

(Parenthesis ( ) indicate expenditure decreases)

### **REVENUE** (dollars in thousands)

Estimated Revenue			Recurring	Fund
FY25	FY26	FY27	or Nonrecurring	Affected

(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	\$50	\$100	\$100	\$250	Recurring	Operating

(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**

<u>Synopsis:</u> Proposes the enactment of the "Anti-Hazing Act" to address and prevent hazing activities within public and private post-secondary educational institutions. The bill aims to create a safer educational environment by implementing strict measures against hazing and promoting awareness and prevention strategies within educational institutions.

## **Key Provisions of the Bill:**

- 1. **Definition of Hazing**
- 2. Prohibition and Penalties
- 3. Mandatory Reporting
- 4. Institutional Requirements
- 5. Fraternity and Sorority Regulations

#### FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

It will cost approximately \$250k over three years to hire staff and develop and maintain the program and compliance.

#### SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The bill requires the development of a committee, that includes a parent or legal guardian, the bill does not mention if participation in the committee is on a voluntary basis. The development of a program is required but details pertaining to length of the program and testing comprehension are not included. Internal development of the program would be costly, the university will most likely implement a program that was developed externally. To prepare for the 2025-2026 proposed implementation date, work and material would have to begin in FY25. The university's possible liability related to the legal convictions of employees, is unknown.

### 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**