

AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS - 2025 REGULAR SESSION

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SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION

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Bill Number: SB 205

Sponsor:

Short Title: State Office of Housing Planning and Protection

Agency Name and Code Number: NM Indian Affairs Dept 60900

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Section II: FISCAL IMPACT

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

| Appropriation | | Recurring or Nonrecurring | Fund Affected |
|---------------|------|------------------------------|------------------|
| FY25 | FY26 | | |
| \$0 | \$0 | | |
| | | | |

(Parenthesis () indicate expenditure decreases)

REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

| Estimated Revenue | | | Recurring or Nonrecurring | Fund Affected |
|-------------------|------|------|---------------------------------|------------------|
| FY25 | FY26 | FY27 | | |
| \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | n/a | n/a |
| | | | | |

(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 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | n/a | n/a |

(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: The bill establishes the Office of Housing Planning and Production, which will be administratively attached to the Department of Finance and Administration. The primary goals include reducing housing costs, increasing housing availability (especially for low-income and homeless populations), maximizing resources to address housing needs, and addressing factors impacting housing supply. The bill calls for a director to be appointed by the Governor.

The office will build partnerships among stakeholders, provide technical assistance to local governments, and Nations, Pueblos, and Tribes, and regional entities to improve housing regulation; align resources; analyze regulatory framework and construction costs; coordinate across agencies; collect, report, and evaluate data as it pertains to housing and homelessness; analyzing regulatory frameworks affecting housing, promoting innovative housing approaches like modular and tiny homes, coordinating across state agencies to address homelessness, and creating frameworks for local governments to set housing goals. The office will also collect and report annual housing data to track progress, identify geographic gaps in housing availability, evaluate housing programs, and support local efforts to meet housing needs across different income levels.

The bill includes an emergency clause, indicating the need to protect public health and safety.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The bill does not contain appropriations. Although, this bill includes provisions that may impact Nations, Pueblos, Tribes and tribal citizens positively by aiming to increase funding for housing development, homelessness prevention, and related infrastructure projects.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The Indian Affairs Department supports funding to support technical assistance for tribes, and funding for resources to identify new programs that address homelessness and housing initiatives for tribal citizens throughout New Mexico, on and off tribal lands.

Additionally, the bill encourages government-to-government collaboration between state and tribal governments to find housing solutions, and the appropriation may direct resources to Nations, Pueblos and Tribes to accomplish this measure.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

The New Mexico Indian Affairs Department (IAD) may work with DFA regarding any funds granted to the Nations, Pueblos, and Tribes.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

TECHNICAL ISSUES

This bill states that technical assistance will be provided to Nations, Pueblos, and Tribes to improve housing capacity and funding. Tribal communities often lack the infrastructure and resources necessary to address housing costs and availability.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

There is a need to establish a dedicated office to coordinate and implement strategies aimed at reducing housing costs, increasing availability of housing, and addressing underlying health and social factors that contribute to housing and homelessness issues facing tribes and tribal citizens in New Mexico.

Accurate data collection on Native homelessness and housing issues among Native American populations in New Mexico faces several challenges, including undercounting in federal data, limited access to remote areas, and resource limitations within tribal communities. This bill addresses data collection to better understand housing needs within tribal communities, providing much-needed data to help inform funding decisions.

ALTERNATIVES

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

If this bill is not passed, New Mexico citizens, including Native American citizens and Nations, Pueblos, and Tribes will continue to face issues regarding access to housing and housing resources. The Office of Housing and Planning will ensure that the State has a dedicated effort and mandate to address this epidemic in our state.

AMENDMENTS