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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:** 02/05/2025 *Check all that apply:*  
**Bill Number:** SB253 Original  Correction   
 Amendment  Substitute

**Sponsor:** Craig Brandt **Agency Name and Code Number:** 770-NMCD  
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**SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT**

**APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)**

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY25	FY26		
0	0	N/A	N/A

(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
<b>Total</b>	0	0	0	N/A	Recurring	General

(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: Senate Bill 253 increase the penalty for a felon found in possession of a firearm from a third to a second degree felony punishable by a minimum of nine years in prison; for people previously convicted as “a serious violent felon,” the charge would carry a minimum of 12 years in prison; excludes both groups from eligibility for earned meritorious deductions in sentences.

#### **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

No significant implications for the Corrections Department.

#### **SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

Senate Bill 253 would enhance public safety by increasing the penalty for felons found in possession of firearms, thereby reducing the likelihood of repeat offenses and contributing to lower recidivism rates. Additionally, the bill excludes individuals convicted of firearm possession from eligibility for earned meritorious deductions. With longer sentences, offenders will have more time to engage in rehabilitative programs offered by the New Mexico Corrections Department, better equipping them for successful reintegration upon release.

#### **PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS**

None for the Corrections Department.

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

None for the Corrections Department.

#### **CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP**

None for the Corrections Department.

#### **TECHNICAL ISSUES**

None for the Corrections Department.

#### **OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES**

None for the Corrections Department.

#### **ALTERNATIVES**

None for the Corrections Department.

**WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL**

Status quo.

**AMENDMENTS**

None proposed by the Corrections Department.