

FIFTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE
FIRST SESSION

PROPOSED AMENDMENT DIRECTED TO A COMMITTEE

February 18, 2025

Madam Chair:

I propose to the HOUSE CONSUMER AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE the following amendments to

HOUSE BILL 190

1. On page 1, lines 14 and 15, strike "WHO IS AN ATTORNEY AUTHORIZED TO PRACTICE IN NEW MEXICO".
2. On page 1, line 16, before the semicolon, insert "TO ENFORCE A VICTIM'S RIGHTS PURSUANT TO THE VICTIMS OF CRIME ACT".
3. On page 1, line 24, after "ACTION", insert "IN STATE COURT".
4. On page 2, line 2, strike "FILE A PETITION" and insert in lieu thereof "BRING AN ACTION IN STATE COURT".
5. On page 5, line 12, before the period, insert:

", including filing pleadings, appearing in court or otherwise speaking on behalf of the victim regardless of whether the victim's representative is an attorney authorized to practice in New Mexico; provided that a victim's representative may only file pleadings or appear in court to enforce the victim's rights pursuant to the Victims of Crime Act".
6. On page 6, strike lines 1 through 4 and strike line 5 up to the closing quotation mark.

7. On page 6, line 17, after the comma, insert "at the victim's last known point of contact,".

8. On page 6, line 23, strike "may" and insert in lieu thereof "has a right to immediately".

9. On page 6, line 24, strike "taken de novo, and if" and insert in lieu thereof:

"filed in accordance with supreme court rules for appellate procedure; provided that the appellate court shall apply a de novo standard of review. If".

10. On page 7, strike lines 10 through 15.

11. On page 7, line 16, remove the brackets and the line through the subsection designation "A." and strike the underscored language, and strike "any" and insert in lieu thereof "a".

12. On page 7, line 20, after the period, insert:

"If a victim requires language interpretation or other services necessary for the victim to observe or participate in a court proceeding, those services shall be provided by the court.".

13. On page 7, line 20, before "If", insert the subsection designation "B.".

14. On page 7, line 20, before the comma, insert "at a scheduled court proceeding".

15. On page 8, line 24, after "action", insert "in state district court".

16. On page 9, line 5, strike "file a petition" and insert in lieu thereof "bring an action in state district court".

Respectfully submitted,
