

## AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS - 2026 REGULAR SESSION

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### **SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION**

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*Check all that apply:*

**Bill Number:** HB 231

Original  Correction

Amendment  Substitute

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**Short** Rulemaking Info to Legislators

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### **SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT**

#### **APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)**

<b>Appropriation</b>		<b>Recurring or Nonrecurring</b>	<b>Fund Affected</b>
<b>FY26</b>	<b>FY27</b>		

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

<b>Estimated Revenue</b>			<b>Recurring or Nonrecurring</b>	<b>Fund Affected</b>
<b>FY26</b>	<b>FY27</b>	<b>FY28</b>		

(Parenthesis ( ) indicate revenue decreases)

#### **ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)**

	<b>FY26</b>	<b>FY27</b>	<b>FY28</b>	<b>3 Year Total Cost</b>	<b>Recurring or Nonrecurring</b>	<b>Fund Affected</b>
<b>Total</b>						

(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:

House Bill 231 enacts a new section of the State Rules Act to establish a formal process for distributing rulemaking information to state legislators. The bill requires each state agency to provide the Legislative Council Service (LCS) with an email address for the agency's custodian of rulemaking records.

Under the bill, LCS is responsible for maintaining a centralized list of these agency rulemaking contacts for distribution to legislators. The measure is intended to improve legislators' access to information regarding agency rulemaking activity by creating a standardized point of contact within each agency.

HB 231 does not alter existing rulemaking procedures or substantive agency authority.

### **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

### **SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

### **PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS**

### **ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

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

Under existing law, the State Rules Act establishes a framework for the promulgation, filing, and public availability of agency rules. NMSA 1978, Section 14-4-3, requires agencies to file adopted rules with the state records administrator, who maintains the rules as permanent public records. Proposed and filed rules are published on the records center website, in the New Mexico Register, and final rules are compiled into the New Mexico Administrative Code, making agency rules broadly accessible to the public through established online portals.

HB 231 operates alongside these existing requirements.

### **TECHNICAL ISSUES**

HB 231 introduces the term "custodian of rulemaking records" by requiring agencies to provide an email address for that role. The bill does not define the term.

### **OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES**

### **ALTERNATIVES**

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

## **AMENDMENTS**