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AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS - 2026 REGULAR SESSION**WITHIN 24 HOURS OF BILL POSTING, UPLOAD ANALYSIS TO****[AgencyAnalysis.nmlegis.gov](https://www.legis.state.nm.us/AgencyAnalysis.nmlegis.gov) and email to billanalysis@dfa.nm.gov****(Analysis must be uploaded as a PDF)****SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION***{Indicate if analysis is on an original bill, amendment, substitute or a correction of a previous bill}***Date Prepared:** 2/6/2026*Check all that apply:***Bill Number:** HB 231Original ☒ Correction ☐Amendment ☐ Substitute ☐

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Short Rulemaking Info to Legislators

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Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY26	FY27		

REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or	Fund Affected
FY26	FY27	FY28		

(Parenthesis () indicate revenue decreases)

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY26	FY27	FY28	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total						

(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