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**AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS
2017 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}

Check all that apply: Date 2/6/17
Original **Amendment** **Bill No:** HB258
Correction **Substitute**

Sponsor: Representative Patricio Ruiloba **Agency Code:** 924
Short JUNIOR ROTC **Person Writing** Matt Pahl
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SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY17	FY18		

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY17	FY18	FY19		

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY17	FY18	FY19	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:

HB258 would create a new section of the School Personnel Act providing for alternative licensure for Junior Reserve Officer training core (JROTC) instructors. This bill would create 3 new levels of licensure specifically for Junior Reserve Instructors that are not aligned with the current routes to alternative licensure in New Mexico.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

It is unclear if the licensure levels provided for in HB165 would have the same minimum salaries as level I, II, and III..

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

HB258 is unclear about what level of alternative license it seeks for the JROTC instructors. It would require PED to assess these instructors on a system for advancement that is not in line with the current standard for classroom teachers. Advancement through the system proposed in HB258 is based entirely off of experience and education, a system that has proved to be inadequate across the country.

HB258 would not require a content knowledge test prior to licensure for candidates that are teaching in a secondary setting. Without passage of the appropriate teacher assessments associated with other licensure levels, it is unlikely teachers with these licenses would meet “highly qualified” status from the federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act.

HB258 creates a parallel licensure system specifically for junior reserve officer training corps instructors. Some parts of this system are duplicative, unnecessarily more stringent or otherwise unnecessary.

HB258 creates more stringent criteria to obtain a Level I Alternative license for junior reserve officer training corps instructors than others receiving an alternative level I license. HB258 provides for a teacher with a minimum of twenty four hours in a secondary teacher preparation program approved by the department, while currently level one alternative licensure requires no coursework prior to receiving the license and 12-15 credits to convert into a full Level I license.

A Level III alternative license mandates at least three years of teaching as a level II instructor in HB258 and an advanced degree. It is unclear what constitutes an advanced

degree in the case of JROTC instructors. The current three-tiered system provides for advancement from level II to level III license after three years of teaching, an advanced degree (Master's) and proof of meeting competency. Because the level III alternative license is contingent upon teaching with a level II license and is already provided for in statute under the current system, it is recommended this section of HB258 be eliminated.

Page 1 line 25 and page 2 lines 1-2 states "meets the instructor's branch of service's minimum criteria for certification as a junior reserve officer training corps instructor". This would require the PED Licensure Bureau to establish varied criteria for each branch of service resulting in additional workload that is not currently budgeted.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

HB258 requires the creation of three new licensure levels with varied criteria based on the branch of service resulting in a workload that is not currently budgeted for.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

TECHNICAL ISSUES

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

ALTERNATIVES

Use current path to alternative licensure for JROTCs that will provide them with full licensure to teach in New Mexico and allow them to progress through the three-tiered system.

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

AMENDMENTS