

Legislative Overview for the 2021 Session

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**Why it's better to be a cowboy (or
cowgirl) than the cow**

**Being New Mexico, many of us are
familiar with what happens to cows ...
they get milked, neutered, butchered and
eaten ... if Counties don't get involved in
the NM Legislature, I promise, they will
be the cows.**

NMC Legislative Priority

NMC opposes unfunded mandates imposed on county government and opposes legislation that has a significant negative impact on revenue, budgets, and liabilities.

NMC Supports:

Revisions to SB 8 - Law Enforcement Body Cameras.

SB 8 provided no money to cover the costs of data storage or the labor to review, redact and produce video for IPRA requests.

SB 8 also doesn't account for the privacy and safety implications of the requirement that ALL interactions be recorded.

**NMC
Supports:**

Revise New Mexico Statutes to put counties on the same footing as municipalities and school districts in the statutes on the disposition of property.

**NMC
Supports:**

**Allow Non-Profits to Secure
Capital Outlay Funding
Directly from State – Non-
Profits, Anti-Donation, and
Capital Outlay.**

**NMC
Supports:**

**Revisions to the Solar
Energy Improvement
Special Assessment Act –
Keeping it for commercial
property, and excluding
residential property**

**NMC
Opposes:**

**Creating a new civil rights
cause of action, with
unlimited damages and
attorney fees.**

NMC Opposes:

NMC opposes legislation that would create a new special valuation class and property taxes for leased solar improvements on residential property.

Top Ten Lobbying Tips

- Get to know YOUR legislators
- Build & keep trust
- Understand your priorities & how legislators can help
- Politeness is important – get to know staff
- Know your audience – what's important to your legislators
- Work the issue before & after the committee & floor hearings
- Persistence pays
- Make no enemies list
- Understand legislative time & process
- Don't leave home without your sense of humor

Don't forget:
You are the best
lobbyist for your
county!

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