

## 2025 NMC Tracking List (2025 Reg)

**Bill:** HB2  
**Sponsors:** Small (D36); Dixon (D20)  
**Title:** GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR STATE AGENCIES  
**Summary:** House Appropriations and Finance Committee substitute for HB2 and 3, the General Appropriation Act of 2025, appropriates money from the General Fund, other revenues, internal services funds and interagency transfers, and federal funds for the operation of state agencies, higher education and public schools for FY2026. (NMLR Note: Detailed budgetary spreadsheets will be posted on NMLR website's Welcome Page as they become available.)  
**Status:** 02/25/2025 - Senate Finance Committee

**Bill:** HB4  
**Sponsors:** Chandler (D43); Anaya (D18); Reeb (R64); Brantley (R35)  
**Title:** CRIMINAL COMPETENCY EVALUATION  
**Summary:** (Related to 2024 HB233 and SB16, 2024SS SB10) Extensively rewrites sections of the Criminal Code relating to determining criminal competency, creating in the process a complicated flow chart of the actions that a court may take concerning determination, commitment, and treatment. Also expands the crimes for which a defendant may be criminally committed.  
**Status:** 01/29/2025 - House Judiciary Committee

**Bill:** HB6  
**Sponsors:** Szczepanski (D47); Stewart (D17)  
**Title:** MUNICIPAL & COUNTY INDUSTRIAL REVENUE BOND PROJECTS AND PREVAILING WAGES  
**Summary:** Amends a section of statutory law relating to Public Works Contracts to require that, for public works projects undertaken by a municipality or a county through the issuance of an industrial revenue bond, contractors and other employers must pay the prevailing wage and comply with provisions of Sec.13-4-11 (Prevailing wage and benefit rates determined; minimum wages and fringe benefits on public works; weekly payment; withholding funds).  
**Status:** 02/18/2025 - Senate Tax, Business and Transportation Committee

**Bill:** HB8  
**Sponsors:** Chandler (D43)  
**Title:** CRIMINAL COMPETENCY EVALUATION  
**Summary:** (Almost a duplicate of 2025 HB4; related to 2024 HB233 and SB16, 2024SS SB10) Extensively rewrites sections of the Criminal Code relating to determining criminal competency, creating in the process a complicated flow chart of the actions that a court may take concerning determination, commitment, and treatment. Also expands the crimes for which a defendant may be criminally committed.  
**Status:** 02/27/2025 - Signed by the Governor

**Bill:** HB9  
**Sponsors:** Chavez (D26)  
**Title:** IMMIGRANT SAFETY ACT  
**Summary:** (Similar to SB 250; Conflicts with SB 87 and HB 316) Prohibits public bodies from entering into agreements used to detain individuals for federal civil immigration violations and requires any existing such agreements to be terminated; prohibits public agencies from otherwise using public property to assist federal authorities in detaining individuals over federal civil immigration violations.  
**Status:** 03/01/2025 - House Calendar  
**Position:** Oppose

**Bill:** HB11  
**Sponsors:** Chandler (D43); Stewart (D17); Serrato (D45); Roybal Caballero (D13)  
**Title:** PAID FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE ACT  
**Summary:** (Largely tracks with 2024 HB6 and SB3; see also similar proposals dating back to 2015) Proposes the Paid Family and Medical Leave Act; creates a temporary Paid Family and Medical Leave Implementation Advisory Committee in the Workforce Solutions Department and the Paid Family and Medical Leave

Fund. The act's purpose is to compensate employees and self-employed persons taking leave to: bond with a child; take measures to protect an employee or family member who is a victim of domestic violence, stalking, or sexual assault; provide care for themselves or family members experiencing a serious health condition, or following the death of a minor child; or take leave for a family member on active military duty. The program exempts employers with fewer than five employees and those who offer similar or better self-funded benefits packages that don't wish to participate. Federal employees would not be subject to the program, nor would tribes and pueblos (but tribes and pueblos may elect to participate).

**Status:** 03/01/2025 - Senate Tax, Business and Transportation Committee

**Position:** Oppose

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**Bill:** **HB12**

**Sponsors:** Garratt (D29); Chandler (D43); Duhigg (D10); Berghmans (D15)

**Title:** EXTREME RISK FIREARM PROTECTION ORDER CHANGES

**Summary:** (Related to 2024 HB27) Amends the Extreme Risk Firearm Protection Order Act to allow a law enforcement officer to file a petition to enjoin a respondent from possessing firearms based on information collected while carrying out official duties. Also requires relinquishment of all firearms in a respondent's possession immediately upon service of the order or as directed by the court (current statute requires relinquishment within 48 hours of service or sooner at the court's discretion).

**Status:** 02/26/2025 - Senate Health and Public Affairs Committee

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**Bill:** **HB28**

**Sponsors:** Cates (D44)

**Title:** AGRICULTURE: AUTHORITY TO DETERMINE DROUGHT CONDITIONS FOR PROPERTY VALUATION

**Summary:** Provides that the New Mexico Department of Agriculture, a conservancy district, or a soil and water conservation district can designate whether moderate drought conditions exist on resting land for the purpose of property valuation if the property has been used primarily for agricultural purposes. Currently, only the U.S. Department of Agriculture can designate whether moderate drought conditions exist.

**Status:** 01/21/2025 - House Agriculture, Acequias and Water Resources Committee

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**Bill:** **HB33**

**Sponsors:** Sarinana (D21)

**Title:** PROHIBITION OF OIL & GAS EMISSIONS IN EXCESS OF NAAQS

**Summary:** Adds a new section to the Air Quality Control Act to require the Environment Department and certain local agencies to prohibit the construction of new sources of oil and gas emissions in counties which have been identified by the Environmental Improvement Board or local agencies as exceeding the Primary National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) for ozone concentrations established by the federal Clean Air Act and its subsequent amendments and provisions. Effective July 1, 2025.

**Status:** 01/22/2025 - House Energy, Environment and Natural Resources Committee

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**Bill:** **HB41**

**Sponsors:** Cates (D44)

**Title:** APPROPRIATIONS FROM PUBLIC PROJECT REVOLVING FUND TO OTHER FUNDS

**Summary:** (Endorsed by the New Mexico Finance Authority Oversight Committee) From the Public Project Revolving Fund, makes a total of \$13.5 million in nonreverting GF appropriations for use in FY2026 and subsequent years to carry out purposes of funds related to drinking water, local government planning and cultural affairs facility infrastructure, as follows:

**Status:** 03/03/2025 - Senate Conservation Committee

**Position:** Support

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**Bill:** **HB46**

**Sponsors:** Chavez (D26)

**Title:** HOSPITAL EQUIPMENT LOAN ACT: REAL PROPERTY AND TAX EXEMPTION CHANGES

**Summary:** Amends the Hospital Equipment Loan Act to remove real property from the definition of "health-related equipment" subject to the Hospital Equipment Loan Program. Imposes restrictions on property tax exemption on real property acquired from bond proceeds issued under the act.

**Status:** 02/03/2025 - House Taxation and Revenue Committee

**Position:** Support

**Bill:** **HB47**  
**Sponsors:** De La Cruz (D12); Martinez, A. (R23)  
**Title:** PROPERTY TAX: VETERAN EXEMPTION CHANGES  
**Summary:** Brings two veteran-related property tax exemptions into law as a result of constitutional amendments that were approved by voters at the November 5, 2024 General Election relating to veterans. Expands both the veteran exemption at Sec. 7-37-5 and the disabled veteran exemption at Sec. 7-37-5.1, which are explained below.  
**Status:** 03/05/2025 - Senate Judiciary Committee

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**Bill:** **HB48**  
**Sponsors:** Lundstrom (D9)  
**Title:** FUNDS FOR CERTIFIED LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING IN CERTAIN PUBLIC COLLEGES  
**Summary:** Amends the Law Enforcement Protection Fund to provide for distributions of \$100,000 annually to certain state higher education institutions that offer law enforcement training certified by the NM Law Enforcement Academy. The section identifies Western New Mexico University; branch campuses of state institutions of higher education named in the Constitution; and state-supported community colleges as entitled to the distribution, which is to pay for faculty salaries and benefits, instructional materials and related course expenses.  
**Status:** 01/22/2025 - House Education Committee

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**Bill:** **HB66**  
**Sponsors:** Herndon (D28)  
**Title:** WORKERS' COMPENSATION: ATTORNEY FEES & DISCOVERY COST INCREASES  
**Summary:** (Related to 2023 HB455) Relates to workers' compensation. Increases the maximum amount the employer shall advance for discovery costs requested by a workers' compensation claimant from \$3,000 to \$6,000; increases the maximum attorney fees that can be collected for a single claim from \$22,500 to \$30,000 in calendar year 2025 (thereafter adjusted annually by the consumer price index).  
**Status:** 02/19/2025 - Senate Tax, Business and Transportation Committee  
**Position:** Neutral

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**Bill:** **HB70**  
**Sponsors:** Lujan (D48)  
**Title:** APPROPRIATION: BEHAVIORAL HEALTH MEDICAID WAIVER ACT  
**Summary:** Cited as the Behavioral Health Medicaid Waiver Act, \$1.1 million is appropriated (GF) to the Health Care Authority for use in FYs 2026 and 2027 to retain a qualified consultant to guide HCA in the development of an application to the federal government for the creation of a Behavioral Health Medicaid Waiver Program and to hire four full-time employees to work exclusively to develop and submit the application for the waiver program. Unexpended amounts will revert to the General Fund. By no later than December 31, 2025, HCA shall submit an application to the Federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for authority to operate a Medicaid Waiver Program for persons with behavioral health disabilities that is comparable to New Mexico's home and community-based Medicaid Waiver Programs for persons with developmental disabilities.  
**Status:** 02/06/2025 - House Appropriations and Finance Committee  
**Position:** Neutral

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**Bill:** **HB74**  
**Sponsors:** Thomson (D24)  
**Title:** FIREFIGHTER AND EMERGENCY SERVICE PROVIDER PEER SUPPORT ACT  
**Summary:** (For the Legislative Health and Human Services Committee) Cited as the "Firefighter and Emergency Service Provider Peer Support Act," authorizes local and regional public fire agencies to create peer support programs for their employees and volunteers; makes peer support services confidential; and limits liability for such services. Bill contains no expressed funding source.  
**Status:** 02/25/2025 - Senate Judiciary Committee

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**Bill:** **HB75**  
**Sponsors:** Thomson (D24); Johnson (D5)  
**Title:** FUNDS FOR COUNTY AND TRIBAL HEALTH COUNCILS STATEWIDE  
**Summary:** (For the Indian Affairs Committee and the Legislative Health and Human Services Committee) Makes two appropriations to the Department of Health for use in FY 2026: a \$43 million GF appropriation to

operate and support the County and Tribal Health Councils (details enunciated below); and a \$1 million GF appropriation for the Department of Health (DOH) to contract with a nonprofit to provide training, technical assistance and other supports to the councils.

**Status:** 02/03/2025 - House Appropriations and Finance Committee

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**Bill:** **HB84**

**Sponsors:** Chavez (D26); Duhigg (D10)

**Title:** EMPLOYEE FREE SPEECH ACT

**Summary:** (Largely identical to 2023 HB245) Prohibits employers from taking any adverse employment action against an employee for refusing to go to an employer-sponsored political meeting or to listen to a speech or communications about political matters – including labor organizations.

**Status:** 02/24/2025 - House Calendar

**Position:** Oppose

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**Bill:** **HB88**

**Sponsors:** Hochman-Vigil (D15)

**Title:** ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATION ZONING ACT

**Summary:** Cited as the Electric Vehicle Charging Station Zoning Act, the measure overrides local zoning ordinances in favor of zoning standards mandated by the Construction Industries Division for the installation of EV charging stations. Provides that installation of electric vehicle (EV) charging stations shall be considered a "permitted use" and a "permitted accessory use" in county and municipal zoning districts that shall not require a variance. Specifies requirements for development of an expedited 30-day permitting process by cities and counties, as well as permit application criteria. Addresses parking spaces for charging stations.

**Status:** 01/23/2025 - House Transportation, Public Works and Capital Improvements Committee

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**Bill:** **HB101**

**Sponsors:** Reeb (R64); Terrazas (R39)

**Title:** FIREARM POSSESSION BY COMMISSIONED OFFICER AT POLLS

**Summary:** The Election Code is amended to exclude from the crime of unlawful possession of a firearm at a polling place "commissioned" law enforcement officers with the power to arrest in performance of their official duties or in accordance with the policies of the officer's law enforcement agency. Current law exempts "certified" law enforcement officers under the Law Enforcement Training Act only.

**Status:** 02/20/2025 - House Calendar

**Position:** Support

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**Bill:** **HB108**

**Sponsors:** Ortez (D42); Stefanics (D39); Szczepanski (D47)

**Title:** STATEWIDE PUBLIC HEALTH AND CLIMATE PROGRAM

**Summary:** (Similar to 2025 HB109, 2024 HB104 and 2023 HB42) Creates a public health and climate program in the Environmental Health Bureau of the Epidemiology and Response Division of the Department of Health to focus on health equity, reducing health impacts of extreme weather, and climate change adaptation in the state. Appropriates \$1.1 million (GF) to DOH for use in FY2026 to support the program.

**Status:** 02/06/2025 - House Appropriations and Finance Committee

**Position:** Support

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**Bill:** **HB109**

**Sponsors:** Ortez (D42); Stefanics (D39); Szczepanski (D47)

**Title:** EXTREME WEATHER RESILIENCE FUND

**Summary:** (Related to 2025 HB108, 2024 HB104 and 2023 HB42) Creates the Extreme Weather Resilience Fund, administered by the Department of Health, to make grants to political subdivisions of the state or to Indian nations, tribes, or pueblos to prepare for and respond to extreme weather-related public health emergencies. Transfers \$12 million from the General Fund to the Extreme Weather Resilience Fund, the balance of which reverts at the end of FY2028.

**Status:** 01/30/2025 - House Appropriations and Finance Committee

**Position:** Support

**Bill:** **HB113**  
**Sponsors:** Lujan (D48); Szczepanski (D47); Sanchez, Joseph (D40)  
**Title:** ANIMAL WELFARE PROGRAM AND FUNDS  
**Summary:** (Related to 2024 HB191) Creates the Animal Welfare Program in the Department of Finance and Administration to fund projects to support the welfare of domestic cats and dogs. DFA may make grants to municipalities or counties, or contract with nonprofit organizations, for animal shelters and other animal welfare projects. Creates the Animal Welfare Trust Fund and transfers \$10 million (GF, nonreverting) to it; and creates the Animal Welfare Program Fund to receive a reverting annual five percent pour-over from the trust fund for project funding by DFA beginning in FY2029.  
**Status:** 02/06/2025 - House Appropriations and Finance Committee  
**Position:** Support

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**Bill:** **HB114**  
**Sponsors:** Chavez (D26)  
**Title:** PROHIBITION AGAINST RECORDATION OF DISCRIMINATORY PROPERTY DEED  
**Summary:** Prohibits the recording of property deeds in a county clerk's office that contain discriminatory restrictions based on race, religion, or national origin or that contain restrictive gender-specific language.  
**Status:** 02/22/2025 - House Judiciary Committee

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**Bill:** **HB121**  
**Sponsors:** Cates (D44)  
**Title:** COUNTY REDISTRICTING ACT  
**Summary:** Requires each county to create a county redistricting commission for the purpose of developing district plans for electing members of a county commission. Details requirements for county district plans and public participation in the process.  
**Status:** 01/27/2025 - House Government, Elections and Indian Affairs Committee

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**Bill:** **HB122**  
**Sponsors:** Cates (D44)  
**Title:** OWNER-OCCUPIED CONDOS AND ASSOCIATIONS  
**Summary:** (Almost identical to 2024 HB24) Amends the Condominium Act to require that at least 55 percent of condominium units created on or after July 1, 2025 be owner-occupied. Also requires that at least 35 percent of the members of a governing body that manages condominiums created on or after July 1, 2025 own and occupy units in those condominiums.  
**Status:** 01/27/2025 - House Government, Elections and Indian Affairs Committee  
**Position:** Support

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**Bill:** **HB124**  
**Sponsors:** Ferrary (D37)  
**Title:** PROBATE CODE: DEATH OF A PROTECTED PERSON, GUARDIAN, OR CONSERVATOR  
**Summary:** Expands and revises the Uniform Probate Code's procedures to be followed upon the death of a protected person, a guardian, or a conservator.  
**Status:** 02/07/2025 - House Judiciary Committee

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**Bill:** **HB128**  
**Sponsors:** Szczepanski (D47); Roybal Caballero (D13)  
**Title:** LOCAL SOLAR ACCESS FUND  
**Summary:** (Almost identical to 2024 HB108) Creates the Local Solar Access Fund in the New Mexico Finance Authority to provide grants for solar energy systems owned and operated by a county, municipality, school district, land grant-merced, or Indian nation, tribe or pueblo. Appropriates \$60 million (GF, nonreverting) to the Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department for use in FYs 2026 and beyond for New Mexico Finance Authority, NMFA, to carry out the purposes of the fund.  
**Status:** 03/01/2025 - Senate Conservation Committee  
**Position:** Support

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**Bill:** **HB130**  
**Sponsors:** Roybal Caballero (D13); Steinborn (D36)

**Title:** PUBLIC BANK OF NEW MEXICO CREATED  
**Summary:** (Similar to 2021 HB236) Creates the Public Bank of New Mexico as a governmental instrumentality; establishes a board of directors and the bank's general structure; provides duties, authorizes certain investments, lending actions, purchases and property transactions. Prohibits conflicts of interest; creates the State Banking Fund; provides penalties; makes appropriations. Provides \$50 million (GF) to carry out provisions of the act, with no more than \$4 million to be spent for chartering the bank and developing its lending programs. Another \$60 (GF) is provided to be deposited with the Public Bank. The State Treasurer will administer the fund until the bank is chartered.  
**Status:** 01/27/2025 - House Commerce and Economic Development Committee

**Bill:** HB135  
**Sponsors:** Ortez (D42); Sedillo Lopez (D16)  
**Title:** LEDA: HOUSING STUDIES REQUIRED  
**Summary:** Mandates that LEDA economic development plans or ordinances require the qualifying entity conduct a housing study of the counties and municipalities affected by implementation of the proposed economic development project and not rely solely on a cost burden analysis. The study shall be done prior to applying for public assistance. Application for public assistance for the project to include the findings of the housing study.  
**Status:** 01/27/2025 - House Rural Development, Land Grants and Cultural Affairs Committee

**Bill:** HB139  
**Sponsors:** Cates (D44)  
**Title:** INSPECTION OF PUBLIC RECORDS ACT  
**Summary:** Significant and notable changes are made to almost the entirety of the Inspection of Public Records Act. Public bodies are required to appoint custodians to oversee requests for public documents, create procedures for documents and information that include electronic records, and the inspection of records. Provision is made for cost recovery; limits obligation to create and maintain records; specifies general exemptions from disclosure and exemptions for specific types of records. Provides relief for public bodies from "vexatious" requesters. Provides for enforcement. Includes 42 new and restated definitions.  
**Status:** 01/28/2025 - House Government, Elections and Indian Affairs Committee

**Bill:** HB141  
**Sponsors:** Small (D36)  
**Title:** GENERAL APPROPRIATION ACT OF 2025  
**Summary:** (Duplicate of 2025 HB2) This is an exact duplicate of this year's HB2, a 236-page measure that is simply a placeholder for the eventual FY2026. Appropriated here is \$10,618,896,600 from the General Fund for FY2026 in 10 umbrella categories for state government agencies.  
**Status:** 01/28/2025 - House Appropriations and Finance Committee

**Bill:** HB142  
**Sponsors:** Cates (D44)  
**Title:** COUNTIES: LOW-INCOME PROPERTY TAX REBATE  
**Summary:** Eliminates the requirement that in January of every odd-numbered year each county commission without an ordinance consider adopting an ordinance to augment the tax rebate for low-income property taxpayers at Sec. 7-2-14.3.  
**Status:** 01/28/2025 - House Government, Elections and Indian Affairs Committee  
**Position:** Support

**Bill:** HB186  
**Sponsors:** Szczepanski (D47)  
**Title:** STATE HEALTH COVERAGE PLAN  
**Summary:** A new section of law would create the Public Assistance Act to allow the Secretary of Health Care Authority to amend the New Mexico State Medicaid Plan to create a state-administered health coverage plan. Requires collaboration between the Health Care Authority and the Office of Superintendent of Insurance to enroll individuals in the plan. Appropriates \$2 million (GF) to the Health Care Authority for use in FYs 2026 and 2027 to hire staff and contract for consulting or technical assistance for the development of the Medicaid Forward Plan.  
**Status:** 02/11/2025 - House Appropriations and Finance Committee

**Bill:** **HB192**  
**Sponsors:** Hernandez, Joseph (D4); Nava (D9); Cullen (R57); Block, Jay (D12); Cates (D44)  
**Title:** APPROPRIATION: DIGITAL TRUNKED RADIO COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM  
**Summary:** Directs the Department of Information Technology to report annually by December 1 to the Legislative Finance Committee on the subscriber fees and users for the next fiscal year for the digital trunked radio communications system. Appropriates \$2.8 million (GF, nonreverting) to the department for use in FY2026 and subsequent years to fund the payment of subscriber fees for the digital trunked radio communications system to municipal, county, and tribal public safety agencies that provide law enforcement, fire, medical, or other emergency services.  
**Status:** 02/19/2025 - House Appropriations and Finance Committee  
**Position:** Support

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**Bill:** **HB206**  
**Sponsors:** Herrera (D41); Lundstrom (D9); Lara (D34); Ortez (D42); Zamora (R63)  
**Title:** WATER PROJECT FUND LOANS OR GRANTS  
**Summary:** (Related to 2025 SB29) Details 62 water projects for which the Legislature authorizes the New Mexico Finance Authority to make loans or grants from the Water Project Fund, as follows:  
**Status:** 03/04/2025 - Senate Conservation Committee

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**Bill:** **HB218**  
**Sponsors:** Lente (D65)  
**Title:** TAX CODE CLEAN-UP  
**Summary:** (Introduced 1/29/25; Analysis posted 1/30/25) (Taxation & Revenue Department Bill) This 426-page bill makes predominantly minor and technical amendments throughout the tax statutes (other than property tax). More substantive provisions are included as well such as: removing Attorney General approval of closing agreements, rebates and abatements; repealing some little-used credits; allowing any amended return to also constitute a claim for refund; freezing the petroleum product loading fee at \$150 per load; and allowing local governments to change local option gross receipts tax rates only once per year, instead of twice, absent a declaration of emergency.  
**Status:** 02/17/2025 - Senate Tax, Business and Transportation Committee

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**Bill:** **HB220**  
**Sponsors:** Lujan (D48); Sanchez, Joseph (D40)  
**Title:** FIRE RESISTANT CONSTRUCTION  
**Summary:** Relating to property law. Proposes to void any covenant or other restrictions on real estate titles that prohibit or unreasonably restrict ignition-resistant construction or that promote construction or landscaping that is a fire hazard; and amends the Homeowner's Association Act to the same effect.  
**Status:** 02/28/2025 - Senate Tax, Business and Transportation Committee  
**Position:** Support

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**Bill:** **HB228**  
**Sponsors:** Serrato (D45); Martinez, A. (R23)  
**Title:** ALLOW BATTERY-CHARGED FENCES  
**Summary:** Proposes to amend the law relating to County and Municipal Zoning to prohibit county and municipal zoning authorities from banning or otherwise limiting installation or use of a battery-charged fence except in areas zoned exclusively for residential use. Instead, creates a statewide mandate on characteristics of electric fences permitted in such zones.  
**Status:** 03/05/2025 - Senate Tax, Business and Transportation Committee

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**Bill:** **HB230**  
**Sponsors:** Szczepanski (D47)  
**Title:** CANNABIS: EMPLOYEE PROTECTIONS  
**Summary:** (Related to 2024 HB170) Prohibits random drug testing for cannabis of an employee who is a qualified patient pursuant to the Lynn and Erin Compassionate Use Act.  
**Status:** 02/15/2025 - House Judiciary Committee  
**Position:** Oppose

**Bill:** **HB237**  
**Sponsors:** Mirabal Moya (R7)  
**Title:** GROSS RECEIPTS TAX CREDIT FOR SMALL TAXPAYERS  
**Summary:** (Related to 2024 HB51 and 2023 HB163) For the months July 2025 through June 2030, a gross receipts taxpayer may claim a nonrefundable tax credit equal to 25 percent of the taxpayer's combined state and local gross receipts tax liabilities, provided the taxpayer has received no more than \$1 million in gross receipts in the calendar year prior to the taxable period in which the tax credit is claimed. Limits maximum allowable tax credit to no more than \$20,000 per taxpayer per year. Provides a save-harmless distribution for municipalities and counties.  
**Status:** 02/03/2025 - House Commerce and Economic Development Committee

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**Bill:** **HB240**  
**Sponsors:** Herrera (D41)  
**Title:** DRINKING WATER STATE REVOLVING LOAN FUND AMENDMENTS  
**Summary:** (For the NM Finance Authority Oversight Committee) Empowers the NM Finance Authority to make grants from the Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund, as well as loans. Extends loan repayment terms up to 30 years (from 20)—and to 40 years for disadvantaged communities (up from 30)  
**Status:** 03/05/2025 - House Calendar

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**Bill:** **HB246**  
**Sponsors:** Roybal Caballero (D13)  
**Title:** MINIMUM WAGE INCREASE TO \$17  
**Summary:** Expands the reach of the Minimum Wage Act, raises the minimum wage to \$17/hour and provides, effective January 1, 2027, for automatic, CPI-based indexed hikes of the minimum wage annually. Repeals the power of the Workforce Solutions Department to set a lower minimum wage for agricultural workers and physically or mentally disabled workers.  
**Status:** 02/14/2025 - House Appropriations and Finance Committee

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**Bill:** **HB283**  
**Sponsors:** Chandler (D43)  
**Title:** LAW ENFORCEMENT RECORDS CHANGES  
**Summary:** Addresses requests for law enforcement records for commercial use and remedies for denial of requests for records. Creates an Inspection of Public Records Task Force to review procedures related to the inspection of public records and assistance for public bodies and requesters of records.  
**Status:** 02/24/2025 - House Judiciary Committee  
**Position:** Support

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**Bill:** **HB284**  
**Sponsors:** McQueen (D50); Woods (R7)  
**Title:** MANAGEMENT AND CONTROL OF FREE-ROAMING HORSES  
**Summary:** Amends the Livestock Code to provide for registration of facilities and qualified free-roaming horse experts by the Livestock Board; provides for state, county or municipal governments to contract for their services and for control and humane management of free-roaming horse herd populations, including fertility management, except where preempted by federal or tribal authority; provides for rulemaking; prohibits slaughter or export for slaughter of free-roaming horses; removes provision for "wild horses" and "Spanish colonial horses" from the code; establishes fines and penalties.  
**Status:** 03/05/2025 - Senate Conservation Committee  
**Position:** Support

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**Bill:** **HB292**  
**Sponsors:** Cortez (R62); Block, Jay (D12)  
**Title:** DISTRIBUTES 8 PERCENT OF GROSS RECEIPTS REVENUES TO CITIES AND COUNTIES  
**Summary:** (2025 SB243, 2024 HB54; 2023 HB440) Starting with July 2025, requires 8% of the revenues attributable to the gross receipts tax be distributed to the "cities and counties fund" created by this act rather than to the state GF. By October 1, 2025 and each October 1 thereafter, TRD shall certify to the State Treasurer the amounts to be transferred to each municipality and county according to the following formulas. By November 1, 2025 and each November 1, thereafter, the State Treasurer shall distribute to each municipality and county the certified amounts.  
**Status:** 02/05/2025 - House Government, Elections and Indian Affairs Committee



**Bill:** HB294  
**Sponsors:** Cates (D44)  
**Title:** PROPERTY TAX VALUATION OF CERTAIN LAND WITHIN CONSERVATION EASEMENTS  
**Summary:** For property taxation purposes, includes as an agricultural use the use of land pursuant to a land conservation easement containing important habitat area or significant natural, open space or historic resources.  
**Status:** 02/05/2025 - House Agriculture, Acequias and Water Resources Committee

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**Bill:** HB295  
**Sponsors:** Small (D36)  
**Title:** EXEMPTION FOR CERTAIN NMRETA-OWNED PROPERTY IMPROVEMENTS  
**Summary:** Exempts from property tax the electrical transmission and interconnected storage facilities and all related structures, including leasehold improvements, that are (1) owned by the NM Renewable Energy Transmission Authority and which qualify as an eligible facility under the New Mexico Renewable Energy Transmission Authority Act but (2) are leased to a nonexempt entity to construct, operate or assist NMRETA in constructing or operating the eligible facility.  
**Status:** 02/15/2025 - House Taxation and Revenue Committee

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**Bill:** HB298  
**Sponsors:** Chandler (D43)  
**Title:** MUNICIPAL CODE: MAYORAL AND GOVERNING BODY POWERS AND RESTRICTIONS  
**Summary:** Amends the Municipal Code to clarify certain powers of and restrictions on mayors and governing bodies of municipalities (specifically codifies their lack of authority over judicial branch affairs); addresses filling of vacancies and recusal for conflicts of interest. Changes are detailed below:  
**Status:** 02/28/2025 - House Judiciary Committee

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**Bill:** HB302  
**Sponsors:** Hernandez, Joshua (R60)  
**Title:** DEVELOPMENT FEES ACT: IMPACT FEE CREDITS  
**Summary:** Amends the Development Fees Act to provide that impact fee credits are not to be reduced by proportional share concepts and to prohibit municipalities and counties from requiring the waiver of any provisions of the Development Fees Act.  
**Status:** 02/05/2025 - House Rural Development, Land Grants and Cultural Affairs Committee

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**Bill:** HB304  
**Sponsors:** Dow (R38)  
**Title:** LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER LOAN REPAYMENT ACT  
**Summary:** Authorizes the Higher Education Department to award grants to repay loans for undergraduate education and law enforcement training obtained by a law enforcement officer, to a maximum of \$25,000. Creates a fund for the awards. Requires reporting.  
**Status:** 02/05/2025 - House Government, Elections and Indian Affairs Committee

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**Bill:** HB308  
**Sponsors:** Lente (D65)  
**Title:** REMOVE MIDDLE RIO GRANDE CONSERVANCY DISTRICT FROM LOCAL ELECTION ACT  
**Summary:** Provides timing and other procedures for Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District Elections and removes the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District (MRGCD) from the Local Election Act.  
**Status:** 03/05/2025 - Senate Rules Committee  
**Position:** Support

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**Bill:** HB309  
**Sponsors:** Sanchez, Joseph (D40)  
**Title:** REMOVAL OF UNLAWFUL OCCUPANTS FROM REAL PROPERTY  
**Summary:** Provides a process for a property owner to remove persons who are unlawfully occupying the owner's real property. "Unlawfully occupying" is a crime constituting trespassing.  
**Status:** 02/05/2025 - House Consumer and Public Affairs Committee  
**Position:** Oppose

**Bill:** **HB311**  
**Sponsors:** Small (D36)  
**Title:** RECLAIMED WATER ACT  
**Summary:** In its substituted form, HB311 authorizes a municipality or county, with permission from the Department of Environment (DOE), to create a reclaimed water authority to promote the use of reclaimed water. "Reclaimed water" is any type of water, regardless of source and including wastewater that has been treated, that can be used once it meets state water quality standards.  
**Status:** 02/21/2025 - House Judiciary Committee  
**Position:** Support

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**Bill:** **HB312**  
**Sponsors:** Matthews (D27)  
**Title:** LITIGATION FINANCING TRANSPARENCY ACT  
**Summary:** Creates a Litigation Financing Transparency Act to govern litigation financing agreements to protect a "funded consumer" from malfeasance by prohibiting a litigation financier, as defined, from acting in specific ways that interfere with the conduct of the action or give the financier an interest in its outcome. Establishes mandatory disclosures; requires indemnification from adverse decisions. Voids agreements that violate the act and establishes they are unlawful under the Unfair Practices Act.  
**Status:** 02/05/2025 - House Government, Elections and Indian Affairs Committee

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**Bill:** **HB314**  
**Sponsors:** Mejia (R58)  
**Title:** ALLOWING LAW ENFORCEMENT, DOT TO REMOVE STALLED VEHICLES  
**Summary:** Authorizes law enforcement officers and Department of Transportation (DOT) employees to tow vehicles or cargo that pose an immediate public safety hazard from roadways and offers limited liability protection for state, county and municipal employees — who would not be held liable for potential damage to vehicles or cargo damaged during removal.  
**Status:** 02/12/2025 - House Judiciary Committee

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**Bill:** **HB325**  
**Sponsors:** Armstrong, G. (R49)  
**Title:** GROSS RECEIPTS DEDUCTIONS CONNECTED WITH NEW RESIDENTIAL HOUSING  
**Summary:** Provides two new deductions, one for "selling" labor incurred during construction of new residential housing and the other for selling new residential housing but the taxpayer may choose only one. Grants a hold harmless for gross receipts tax revenues of municipalities and counties.  
**Status:** 02/27/2025 - House Taxation and Revenue Committee

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**Bill:** **HB332**  
**Sponsors:** Cullen (R57)  
**Title:** CRIME OF UNLAWFUL SQUATTING  
**Summary:** (Related to 2025 HB309; 2024 HB56). Creates the crime of unlawful squatting; provides penalties; provides for civil damages for injury to property occurring in the course of unlawful squatting. Provides a process for removing an alleged unlawful squatter and for contesting a citation for squatting; requires a trial to determine property rights in a contest between a purported owner and an alleged squatter; providing for damages.  
**Status:** 02/07/2025 - House Consumer and Public Affairs Committee  
**Position:** Oppose

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**Bill:** **HB342**  
**Sponsors:** Lente (D65)  
**Title:** PROPERTY TAX CODE AMENDMENTS; INCREASE VETERAN EXEMPTION AMOUNTS  
**Summary:** Makes several revisions to the Property Tax Code regarding declared disasters and other matters, provides a temporary limitation of increase in valuation of nonresidential property and puts into statute the increases in the veteran exemptions approved by the electorate in the 2024 general election.  
**Status:** 02/07/2025 - House Taxation and Revenue Committee  
**Position:** Support

**Bill:** HB344  
**Sponsors:** Hochman-Vigil (D15)  
**Title:** PRACTITIONERS FEES FOR SERVICES DEDUCTIBLE #2  
**Summary:** (Duplicate of SB295; Partial overlap with SB249) Expands the deduction from gross receipts at Sec. 7-9-93 to include receipts of health care practitioners (and associations of health care practitioners) from patients for health care services provided within the scope of practice of the practitioner providing the service.  
**Status:** 02/26/2025 - House Taxation and Revenue Committee

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**Bill:** HB354  
**Sponsors:** Lujan (D48)  
**Title:** COMMUNITY CRIMINAL JUSTICE DIVERSION PILOT PROJECT  
**Summary:** Creates a six-year pilot project called the Community Criminal Justice Diversion Project within the Behavioral Health Services Division of the Health Care Authority. Also creates a fund to support the diversion of certain offenders from the criminal justice system to community-based services and treatment with the stated aim of reducing crime, homelessness and recidivism and improving public health. The project would be administered by BHSD and implemented by the state or local units of government in a minimum of five counties across the state. BHSD is charged with developing a budget with Medicaid dollars for the project and submitting it to an agency within another branch of government, the Legislative Finance Committee, for budget approval.  
**Status:** 02/21/2025 - House Judiciary Committee  
**Position:** Support

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**Bill:** HB371  
**Sponsors:** Terrazas (R39)  
**Title:** ALLOWING LOCAL GOVERNMENT TO ALLOW OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLES ON ROADS  
**Summary:** Allows local and county elected governing bodies to issue their own ordinances allowing off-highway motor vehicles to operate on paved streets and highways within the boundaries in which they have jurisdiction; removes that same authority from the Transportation Commission's powers.  
**Status:** 03/01/2025 - House Calendar

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**Bill:** HB377  
**Sponsors:** Hernandez, Joshua (R60)  
**Title:** PROPERTY TAX CODE REVISIONS  
**Summary:** Redefines "residential property" and provides new rules for valuing multiple like-kind properties and contiguous tracts in a single county owned by a single taxpayer. Excludes from the disclosure affidavit requirement transfers of residential property not improved with a dwelling or other structure.  
**Status:** 02/11/2025 - House Government, Elections and Indian Affairs Committee  
**Position:** Oppose

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**Bill:** HB405  
**Sponsors:** Gonzales (D70)  
**Title:** VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER SERVICE AND TRAINING JOB RETENTION ACT  
**Summary:** Allows volunteer firefighters with their chief's approval to apply for a leave of absence not to exceed 112 hours per calendar year (about 4.67 days) in an effort to retain more volunteer firefighters.  
**Status:** 03/05/2025 - House Calendar  
**Position:** Support

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**Bill:** HB412  
**Sponsors:** Armstrong, G. (R49)  
**Title:** EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PERSONNEL LICENSURE INTERSTATE COMPACT  
**Summary:** Enters New Mexico in the Emergency Medical Services Personnel Interstate Compact for the purpose of facilitating day-to-day movement of emergency medical services personnel across state boundaries and affording legal recognition to emergency medical services personnel licensed in a member state. The Emergency Medical Services Personnel Licensure Commission would serve as the national administrative body. Key features of the Compact follow.  
**Status:** 02/12/2025 - House Government, Elections and Indian Affairs Committee

**Bill:** HB414  
**Sponsors:** Herrera (D41)  
**Title:** EXPENSES FOR TRANSPORT OF INMATES  
**Summary:** Provides for per diem expenses for sheriffs, deputy sheriffs, and guards, to be paid by counties on behalf of which expenses are incurred, for transporting an inmate, a person charged with the commission of a crime, or a person in custody of a law enforcement agency.  
**Status:** 02/12/2025 - House Government, Elections and Indian Affairs Committee

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**Bill:** HB417  
**Sponsors:** Cadena (D33); Pinto (D3)  
**Title:** CHANGES DISTRIBUTIONS OF LIQUOR TAXES; IMPOSES A LIQUOR EXCISE TAX SURTAX  
**Summary:** Changes Distributions of Liquor Taxes; Imposes a Liquor Excise Tax Surtax  
**Status:** 02/24/2025 - House Calendar  
**Position:** Support

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**Bill:** HB421  
**Sponsors:** Serrato (D45)  
**Title:** BUSINESS SECURITY ASSISTANCE ACT  
**Summary:** (Governor's bill) Grants to certified vendors of security equipment or security services discounted by at least 25% to the owner of a business a rebate of 25% of the sale price under two conditions: (1) the total rebate to any single business may not exceed \$25,000 and (2) there must sufficient money in the fund to pay the rebate.  
**Status:** 03/01/2025 - House Taxation and Revenue Committee

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**Bill:** HB429  
**Sponsors:** Cadena (D33)  
**Title:** PUBLIC DISCLOSURE OF GOVERNMENT EXECUTIVE POSITION CANDIDATES  
**Summary:** Requires the public disclosure of finalists for top, executive positions at state agencies and other local government institutions — excluding gubernatorial cabinet positions (agency heads).  
**Status:** 02/17/2025 - House Government, Elections and Indian Affairs Committee  
**Position:** Support

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**Bill:** HB435  
**Sponsors:** McQueen (D50); Stefanics (D39)  
**Title:** SITING OF RENEWABLE ENERGY FACILITIES  
**Summary:** Directs the Public Regulation Commission to adopt rules to govern the permitting and siting of renewable energy generation, storage, and intrastate transmission facilities. Applies to facilities that are capable of generating, storing, or transmitting more than five megawatts.  
**Status:** 02/17/2025 - House Energy, Environment and Natural Resources Committee

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**Bill:** HB438  
**Sponsors:** Lujan (D48)  
**Title:** PAY GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES FOR UNUSED COMPENSATORY TIME  
**Summary:** Requires that an employee of the state or of a political subdivision be paid the full value of all unused compensatory leave at the end of each calendar year.  
**Status:** 03/05/2025 - House Calendar  
**Position:** Oppose

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**Bill:** HB439  
**Sponsors:** Lujan (D48)  
**Title:** HIGH-QUALITY TELECOMMUNICATOR CPR TRAINING  
**Summary:** Amends the Public Safety Telecommunicator Training Act to require that dispatcher training include high-quality telecommunicator cardiopulmonary resuscitation using the most current nationally recognized emergency cardiovascular care guidelines.  
**Status:** 03/05/2025 - House Calendar

**Bill:** **HB445**  
**Sponsors:** Chavez (R31); Maestas (D26)  
**Title:** VICTIMS OF CRIME, RIGHTS AND PROTECTIONS  
**Summary:** Amends the Victims of Crime Act to provide greater rights and protections to victims, including notifications concerning court proceedings and offender release. Creates the Victims of Crime Assistance Fund administered by the state Department of Justice to assist victim with crime scene cleanup. Appropriates a total of \$2.5 million to carry out the provisions of the act (detailed below).  
**Status:** 02/17/2025 - House Judiciary Committee  
**Position:** Oppose

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**Bill:** **HB446**  
**Sponsors:** Dow (R38)  
**Title:** PAID PARENTAL LEAVE ACT  
**Summary:** Creates the Paid Parental Leave Act and the Supplemental Paid Parental Leave Fund. Proposes to provide covered employees with up to six weeks of paid leave for applicants at a percentage of their normal wages to allow them to bond with a child within 12 months of birth or adoption or placement of a foster child, and three weeks of supplemental leave if the employee opts into to the supplemental program. Requires employers to allow employees to take up to nine weeks of parental leave on certain conditions. Provides for administration by the Workforce Solutions Department. Amends the Early Childhood Education and Care Fund; preempts similar programs; creates a temporary advisory committee.  
**Status:** 02/17/2025 - House Health and Human Services Committee

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**Bill:** **HB460**  
**Sponsors:** Block, John (R51)  
**Title:** REPEALS LIQUOR EXCISE TAX AND DISTRIBUTIONS  
**Summary:** (Conflicts with HB417, SB378, SB431) Repeals the liquor excise tax and the distribution of its revenues to the GF, Local DWI Grant Fund and Drug Court Fund. Makes conforming amendments to other statutes.  
**Status:** 02/18/2025 - House Health and Human Services Committee

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**Bill:** **HB494**  
**Sponsors:** Martinez, A. (R23)  
**Title:** AMEND PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR DISABLED VETERANS  
**Summary:** Removes the provision in Sec. 7-38-17 that a disabled veteran or unmarried surviving spouse who provides proof of eligibility for a property tax exemption shall be allowed the exemption for the current tax year, but not for tax due for previous tax years (Sec. 7-38-17.E.) thereby allowing the exemption to be applied generally.  
**Status:** 03/05/2025 - House Calendar  
**Position:** Support

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**Bill:** **HB497**  
**Sponsors:** Brown (R55)  
**Title:** REVISE INSPECTION OF PUBLIC RECORDS ACT  
**Summary:** (Related to 2025 HB139) Revises the Inspection of Public Records Act to provide additional exemptions from inspection; to designate additional records as law enforcement records; to revise the procedures for requesting and denying requests for public records; and to revise provisions for enforcement.  
**Status:** 02/20/2025 - House Government, Elections and Indian Affairs Committee

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**Bill:** **HB533**  
**Sponsors:** Lujan (D48)  
**Title:** SOLITARY CONFINEMENT RESTRICTIONS  
**Summary:** Would impose stricter limits on solitary confinement in correctional facilities, including raising the minimum age for solitary confinement from 18 to 21 years old and adding a new maximum age of 55 (restrictive housing would be prohibited outside of this age range).  
**Status:** 02/20/2025 - House Consumer and Public Affairs Committee

**Bill:** HJR3  
**Sponsors:** Ferrary (D37); Sedillo Lopez (D16)  
**Title:** CA: DECLARATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL RIGHTS OF THE PEOPLE IN PERPETUITY  
**Summary:** (Duplicate of 2025 SB9121; Similar to 2024 HJR4, SJR8; 2023 HJR4, SJR6) Proposes to amend Article 2 of the Constitution of New Mexico with a new section providing the people of the state with environmental rights; and directs the state, counties and municipalities to serve as trustees of the natural resources of the state for the benefit of all the people. Provides that monetary damages shall not be awarded for a violation of the section, but that it is enforceable against the state, counties and municipalities.  
**Status:** 02/05/2025 - House Energy, Environment and Natural Resources Committee  
**Position:** Oppose

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**Bill:** HJR7  
**Sponsors:** Martinez, A. (R23); Reeb (R64); De La Cruz (D12); Hall (R3)  
**Title:** CA: UNLIMITED TERMS FOR COUNTY SHERIFFS  
**Summary:** Proposes to amend Article 10, Section 2 of the state constitution to allow a county sheriff to serve an unlimited number of consecutive four-year terms.  
**Status:** 01/28/2025 - House Government, Elections and Indian Affairs Committee

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**Bill:** HJR11  
**Sponsors:** Cates (D44)  
**Title:** CA: REPEAL ANTI-DONATION CLAUSE; PUBLIC PURPOSE DONATIONS ALLOWED  
**Summary:** Proposes to repeal Art. 9, Sec. 14 of the state constitution, the Anti-Donation Clause, and Art. 4, Sec. 31, prohibiting charitable, educational, and benevolent appropriations to a person or entity not under full control of the state. Replaces these provisions with a simpler approach: the state, a county, school district, or municipality may make donations of public funds to private persons or entities if the donation is used to accomplish a public purpose, i.e., for the benefit of the public health, safety or welfare. Requires implementing legislation for such donations.  
**Status:** 02/18/2025 - House Judiciary Committee

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**Bill:** SB1  
**Sponsors:** Stefanics (D39); Munoz (D4); Woods (R7)  
**Title:** BEHAVIORAL HEALTH TRUST FUND AND PROGRAM FUND  
**Summary:** (For the Legislative Health and Human Services Committee) Establishes the Behavioral Health Program Fund to provide services and programs related to behavioral health. Transfers \$1 billion from the General Fund to the newly created Behavioral Health Trust Fund.  
**Status:** 02/27/2025 - Signed by the Governor  
**Position:** Support

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**Bill:** SB2  
**Sponsors:** Shendo (D22); Munoz (D4); Gallegos, David (R41)  
**Title:** APPROPRIATIONS: PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY INITIATIVES  
**Summary:** Appropriates a total of \$92 million (GF, nonreverting) for 13 public health and safety initiatives throughout the state, as detailed below:  
**Status:** 02/15/2025 - House Appropriations and Finance Committee

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**Bill:** SB3  
**Sponsors:** Stewart (D17)  
**Title:** BEHAVIORAL HEALTH REFORM AND INVESTMENT ACT  
**Summary:** Creates the Behavioral Health Reform and Investment Act; directs creation of Behavioral Health regions (geographic area that encompasses one or more counties or judicial districts); in which behavioral health services will be provided—meaning an array of services for the treatment, rehabilitation, prevention and identification of mental illnesses and substance abuse—pursuant to a phased-in regional plan for the continuation and expansion of behavioral health services. The Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) is charged with designating health regions, coordinating regional meetings, completing resource mapping and coordinating development of regional behavioral health plans.  
**Status:** 02/27/2025 - Signed by the Governor

**Bill:** **SB4**  
**Sponsors:** Stewart (D17)  
**Title:** SETS STATEWIDE GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS LIMITS  
**Summary:** Amends the Environmental Improvement Act and the Air Quality Control Act to set limits on emission of greenhouse gases. Requires Environment Department, in consultation with Energy, Mining and Natural Resources Department (EMNRD), by 12/31/2026 to allocate by greenhouse gas sector the reductions the Environment Department (ED) determines are necessary to achieve, through rule-making, the emissions limits. Appropriates \$3 million from the GF to ED for subsequent years to administer the program.  
**Status:** 01/28/2025 - Senate Finance Committee

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**Bill:** **SB15**  
**Sponsors:** Stefanics (D39); Gallegos, Doreen (D52)  
**Title:** INCOME TAX CREDITS FOR VOLUNTEER EMS AND FIREFIGHTERS  
**Summary:** (For the Revenue Stabilization and Tax Policy Committee) Grants two new refundable personal income tax credits, each of \$1,000, to eligible emergency medical services volunteers and to volunteer firefighters for taxable years 2025 through 2034. Taxpayers, however, may claim only one of the credits for a given year.  
**Status:** 01/21/2025 - Senate Tax, Business and Transportation Committee  
**Position:** Support

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**Bill:** **SB16**  
**Sponsors:** Figueroa (D18)  
**Title:** UNAFFILIATED VOTERS IN OPEN PRIMARY ELECTIONS  
**Summary:** (Very similar to 2024 SB38; 2023 SB73, HB54; 2021 HB79). Amends the Election Code to permit voters who have declined to state a party affiliation, or designated affiliation with a party other than a major party, to vote in a primary election by requesting the ballot of one of the participating parties in that primary.  
**Status:** 03/03/2025 - House Judiciary Committee

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**Bill:** **SB21**  
**Sponsors:** Wirth (D25); Ortez (D42)  
**Title:** POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM ACT  
**Summary:** Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Act bars every person from discharging a pollutant from a point source to waters of the United States without a permit issued by Environment Department (ED). ED charged with administration of program. Water Quality Control Commission has rulemaking and appeal authority.  
**Status:** 03/04/2025 - House Energy, Environment and Natural Resources Committee

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**Bill:** **SB22**  
**Sponsors:** Wirth (D25); Ortez (D42)  
**Title:** WATER QUALITY AND POLLUTION PERMIT REQUIREMENTS  
**Summary:** In an effort to better regulate water pollution, the bill expands rules and permit requirements for discharge of surface water. Creates the Neglected and Contaminated Sites Fund administered by Department of Environment, to be used for investigation and remediation of water pollution and contamination in soil and soil vapor. Appropriates \$50 million (GF, nonreverting) to the Fund for use in FY2026 and subsequent years for employees and supplies for the State Ground Water Quality Bureau to implement response, investigation, and remediation of water pollution and contamination in soil and soil vapor at neglected and contaminated sites.  
**Status:** 02/13/2025 - Substituted by another bill

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**Bill:** **SB29**  
**Sponsors:** Munoz (D4)  
**Title:** APPROPRIATION: WATER PROJECT FUND  
**Summary:** Appropriates \$222 million (GF, nonreverting) to the New Mexico Finance Authority for the Water Project Fund for use in FYs 2025 and 2026 for water projects authorized in the first session of the 57th Legislature.  
**Status:** 02/05/2025 - Senate Finance Committee  
**Position:** Support

**Bill:** SB30  
**Sponsors:** Stefanics (D39); Martinez, A. (R23)  
**Title:** RESTORES 2 PERCENT COLA TO CERTAIN PERA RETIREES  
**Summary:** Relates to public employee retirement. Mandates two percent cost of living adjustment each July 1 to retirement pensions of state retirees who have reached 65 years of age but have not worked for 25 years and to local government retirees who have reached the age of 65 but have not worked 25 years if the local government makes adequate contributions to fund the increase. Appropriates 10 million from the GF to PERA for this purpose in the 2026 and subsequent FYs.  
**Status:** 02/11/2025 - Senate Finance Committee

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**Bill:** SB31  
**Sponsors:** Campos (D8)  
**Title:** NATURAL DISASTER LOAN PROGRAM AND FUNDS  
**Summary:** Directs the Department of Finance and Administration to provide zero-interest loans to political subdivisions and electric cooperatives that have been approved for FEMA funding for a federally declared natural disaster. Creates the Natural Disaster Revolving Fund and transfers money from the Appropriation Contingency Fund to it. Creates the Federal Reimbursement Revolving Fund. Appropriates \$150 million (GF, nonreverting) to the Natural Disaster Revolving Fund for use in FY 2025 and subsequent years. Makes changes to the terms of the Appropriation Contingency Fund and provides a new listing for the State Reserves.  
**Status:** 03/01/2025 - House Government, Elections and Indian Affairs Committee

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**Bill:** SB33  
**Sponsors:** Stefanics (D39); Vincent (R56); Ortez (D42); Gonzales (D70)  
**Title:** WILDFIRE PREPARED ACT AND FUND  
**Summary:** Senate Finance Committee substitute for Senate Conservation Committee substitute for SB33 retains the intent and most of the provisions of the SCONC substitute, with the following changes: (1) alters the membership of the Fire Planning Task Force (detailed below), mostly by naming secretaries and directors of agencies and entities to the task force, rather than representatives of those agencies and entities; (2) provides that nothing in the Wildfire Prepared Act creates any additional right of action nor does it guarantee any benefits or create interests in property; and (3) strikes the \$20 million appropriation, which may be included in the General Appropriation Act.  
**Status:** 03/04/2025 - House Appropriations and Finance Committee  
**Position:** Support

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**Bill:** SB34  
**Sponsors:** Stefanics (D39); McQueen (D50)  
**Title:** NIGHT SKY PROTECTION ACT EXEMPTIONS  
**Summary:** Revises requirements for shielding outdoor light fixtures as it pertains to roadway navigation and safety signs on interstates and federal primary highways, emergency services and film or television production crews.  
**Status:** 01/27/2025 - Senate Conservation Committee

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**Bill:** SB45  
**Sponsors:** Steinborn (D36)  
**Title:** ADDITIONAL USES OF COUNTY HEALTH CARE INDIGENT FUND  
**Summary:** Amends the Indigent Hospital and County Health Care Act to authorize use of the County Health Care Indigent Fund for all or a portion of the monthly premiums of health insurance policies for indigent patients or for out-of-pocket costs, including copayments and deductibles, incurred by indigent patient insureds pursuant to a health insurance policy.  
**Status:** 03/05/2025 - Senate Calendar

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**Bill:** SB48  
**Sponsors:** Stewart (D17)  
**Title:** CREATES AND FUNDS THE COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUND  
**Summary:** (Related to 2025, SB83) Transfers \$360 million from the GF to the Community Benefit Fund, created by this act. Money in the Community Benefit Fund may be appropriated for projects that address climate change in specified ways. DFA administers the Community Benefit Fund.  
**Status:** 02/26/2025 - House Energy, Environment and Natural Resources Committee



**Position:** Support

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**Bill:** SB50  
**Sponsors:** Maestas (D26)  
**Title:** LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING  
**Summary:** (Related to 2024 SB13) Addresses training and continuing education of police officers and public safety telecommunicators and establishment of regional satellite training academies. Makes numerous changes to provisions concerning the Law Enforcement Standards and Training Council, the Law Enforcement Certification Board, and the New Mexico Law Enforcement Academy. Appropriates a total of \$1 million (GF, nonreverting) to the Department of Public Safety for various purposes (detailed below).  
**Status:** 02/10/2025 - Senate Judiciary Committee

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**Bill:** SB54  
**Sponsors:** Duhigg (D10)  
**Title:** COORDINATED BEHAVIORAL HEALTH INITIATIVE  
**Summary:** Relates to Public Safety. Proposes a coordinated multi-agency approach to addressing behavioral health issues that impact public safety and corrections statewide that includes workforce development and in-service training, system-wide behavioral health standards of care, data management and use to target law enforcement resources, crisis intervention, law enforcement deflection, medical treatment and intervention, pre-trial diversion and post-incarceration re-entry programs, and the creation of a statewide plan for community-based crisis intervention. Establishes new funds.  
**Status:** 03/01/2025 - Senate Finance Committee

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**Bill:** SB57  
**Sponsors:** Wirth (D25); Szczepanski (D47)  
**Title:** IPRA EXCEPTION FOR ABORTION PROVIDER INFORMATION  
**Summary:** Exempts from the Inspection of Public Records Act disclosure of personal identifying information or sensitive information related to the practice of a medical provider employed by a public body who performs medical services related to abortion.  
**Status:** 03/04/2025 - House Judiciary Committee

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**Bill:** SB59  
**Sponsors:** Padilla (D14)  
**Title:** PUBLIC WORKS MINIMUM WAGE: OFF-SITE FABRICATORS  
**Summary:** Amends the Public Works Minimum Wage Act to make prevailing wage and benefit rates and minimum wage and fringe benefits on public works applicable to off-site fabricators or any combination of laborers, mechanics and off-site fabricators. Failure-to-pay provisions resulting in termination of contract also apply. Applicable to proposals, invitations for bid and other procurement for public works projects issued on or after July 1, 2025. See following paragraph for definition of "off-site fabricator."  
**Status:** 03/05/2025 - House Labor, Veterans' and Military Affairs Committee

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**Bill:** SB67  
**Sponsors:** Brandt (R40)  
**Title:** DISCLOSURE OF PHONE LOCATION FOR 911 CALLS  
**Summary:** Amends the Enhanced 911 Act to require internet and wireless service providers to provide location information to a law enforcement agency for a device used to send a 911 emergency communication. The disclosure is to be made upon request and only for the purpose of responding to a 911 communication or emergency situation that involves the risk of death or serious physical harm.  
**Status:** 01/22/2025 - Senate Tax, Business and Transportation Committee  
**Position:** Oppose

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**Bill:** SB77  
**Sponsors:** Pope (D23)  
**Title:** BUSINESSES PROHIBITED FROM BUYING SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY  
**Summary:** Prohibits a hedge fund, private equity firm, corporation, or other business from purchasing a single family residential property.  
**Status:** 02/20/2025 - Tabled indefinitely in the Senate

**Bill:** SB81  
**Sponsors:** Wirth (D25); Vincent (R56)  
**Title:** FAIR PLAN ACT REVISIONS  
**Summary:** (State agency bill) Creates the New Mexico Property Insurance Program Association Board to establish and administer the FAIR plan to provide property and commercial property insurance to persons unable to obtain insurance in the regular market. Appropriates \$50 million from the GF to the Office of the Superintendent of Insurance to administer the FAIR Plan Act and fire mitigation programs.  
**Status:** 02/19/2025 - Senate Calendar  
**Position:** Support

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**Bill:** SB85  
**Sponsors:** Wirth (D25)  
**Title:** CAMPAIGN REPORTING ACT REVISIONS  
**Summary:** Makes a series of amendments to the Campaign Reporting Act to clarify, extend and tighten its provisions.  
**Status:** 02/21/2025 - House Government, Elections and Indian Affairs Committee

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**Bill:** SB89  
**Sponsors:** Duhigg (D10)  
**Title:** SETS CANNABIS EXCISE TAX AT 12%  
**Summary:** Changes the excise tax rate imposed on a cannabis retailer that sells cannabis products in N.M. Removes the incremental increases to the cannabis excise tax and fixes the tax rate at 12%.  
**Status:** 01/23/2025 - Senate Tax, Business and Transportation Committee

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**Bill:** SB91  
**Sponsors:** Duhigg (D10); Anyanonu (D19)  
**Title:** AUTOMATED CAMERA DETECTION OF VEHICLE VIOLATIONS: PROHIBITIONS  
**Summary:** Prohibits a municipality that has a municipal penalty assessment program for motor vehicle violations from using a private entity to collect unpaid penalties or to impound vehicles for speeding violations detected by an automated camera, among other prohibitions.  
**Status:** 02/12/2025 - Senate Judiciary Committee

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**Bill:** SB98  
**Sponsors:** Stefanics (D39); Garratt (D29)  
**Title:** LIMITS ON COST OF SOLAR COLLECTORS  
**Summary:** Prohibits a county or municipality from imposing a covenant, condition, or restriction affecting real property that increases the cost to the consumer of a solar collector by more than 10% or a total of \$1,500, or that reduces the efficiency of a solar collector by more than 10%.  
**Status:** 02/12/2025 - Senate Judiciary Committee

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**Bill:** SB112  
**Sponsors:** Wirth (D25)  
**Title:** EXEMPTS UNIVERSITY HOUSING FROM PROPERTY TAX  
**Summary:** Amends Sec. 7-36-4 of the Property Tax Code to exempt improvements and leasehold interests in those improvements if the improvements are: (1) residential housing facilities for students or medical residents of a state university; (2) located on land owned by the university; and (3) leased by the university to a nonexempt entity to operate or assist in operating the residential facilities.  
**Status:** 02/27/2025 - House Commerce and Economic Development Committee

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**Bill:** SB114  
**Sponsors:** Woods (R7)  
**Title:** STATE GAME COMMISSION: LAND AND WATER RIGHTS ACQUISITION  
**Summary:** (Identical to 2024 SB198) Requires the State Game Commission to obtain various approvals and compile a report before acquiring land or water rights. Approval must be obtained from the Legislature and from an acequia association, a land grant, and the county commissioners of the county in which the property or water rights sought are located. The report is to detail the social, cultural, and economic impacts of the acquisition.  
**Status:** 01/23/2025 - Senate Conservation Committee

**Bill:** SB115  
**Sponsors:** Padilla (D14)  
**Title:** NMFA: AUTHORIZED LOANS FOR PUBLIC PROJECTS  
**Summary:** (Endorsed by the New Mexico Finance Authority Oversight Committee) Authorizes the New Mexico Finance Authority to make loans for public projects from the Public Project Revolving Fund, as follows:  
**Status:** 02/28/2025 - House Transportation, Public Works and Capital Improvements Committee

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**Bill:** SB120  
**Sponsors:** Hickey (D20); Steinborn (D36)  
**Title:** ELIMINATE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES COST SHARING  
**Summary:** Amends the Health Care Purchasing Act and the New Mexico Insurance Code to permanently eliminate cost sharing on behavioral health services.  
**Status:** 03/03/2025 - Senate Finance Committee

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**Bill:** SB132  
**Sponsors:** Woods (R7)  
**Title:** LEGAL ACTIONS: LIMIT ON PUNITIVE DAMAGES AND ATTORNEY FEES  
**Summary:** A new section of law relating to Judgments, Costs and Appeals would limit the amount paid in punitive damage awards. In any action in which compensatory damages are awarded to the prevailing party, the punitive damage award shall not exceed the amount of the compensatory damage award. Similarly, in any action in which punitive damages are awarded to a prevailing party, "the prevailing party may be awarded the costs for reasonable attorney fees."  
**Status:** 01/23/2025 - Senate Health and Public Affairs Committee

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**Bill:** SB134  
**Sponsors:** Munoz (D4); Vincent (R56)  
**Title:** NATURAL DISASTER REVOLVING FUND  
**Summary:** Establishes the Natural Disaster Revolving Fund to provide loans to political subdivisions that have been approved for FEMA public assistance funding for a federally declared natural disaster. Authorizes DFA to provide zero-interest reimbursable loans to NM political subdivisions approved for FEMA assistance that enter into repayment contracts.  
**Status:** 01/23/2025 - Senate Conservation Committee  
**Position:** Support

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**Bill:** SB137  
**Sponsors:** Padilla (D14)  
**Title:** 911 ACT CHANGES  
**Summary:** Renames the Enhanced 911 Act the "911 Act"; renames the fund created in the act and related bond act the "911 Emergency Service Fund" and the "911 Bond Act." Makes a number of clarifying and conforming changes throughout the act, including several technical definitions. Increases the 911 surcharge per subscriber access line from 51 cents to \$1.50 monthly, deposited in the 911 Emergency Service Fund. Also makes "primary or secondary public safety answering points" as well as local governing bodies, Indian nations, tribes and pueblos eligible for grants from the fund to provide 911 services.  
**Status:** 03/03/2025 - House Judiciary Committee  
**Position:** Support

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**Bill:** SB141  
**Sponsors:** Wirth (D25)  
**Title:** MINI TAX PACKAGE INCLUDING CORPORATE INCOME TAX HIKE  
**Summary:** Raises the rate of the corporate income tax from 5.9 percent to 6.9 percent; applies to 2026 and subsequent taxable years. Lowers the bar for persons lacking physical presence in the state to be considered "engaging in business" in New Mexico, for gross receipts tax purposes from \$100,000 in "taxable gross receipts", which is the net after exemptions and deductions are accounted for, to "gross receipts". Grants to any gross receipts taxpayer in business for the full months of a year a deduction of \$100,000 if the taxpayer did not claim a gross receipts tax credit, deduction or exemption in the previous calendar year. Appropriates \$100,000 from the GF to TRD to administer the new gross receipts deduction.  
**Status:** 01/23/2025 - Senate Tax, Business and Transportation Committee

**Bill:** SB145  
**Sponsors:** Gonzales (D6)  
**Title:** AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECT FUNDS: NM MORTGAGE FINANCE AUTHORITY  
**Summary:** (Endorsed by the Mortgage Finance Authority Act Oversight Committee) Appropriates \$500 million (GF) to the New Mexico Housing Trust Fund for use in FYs 2026 and subsequent years for the New Mexico Mortgage Finance Authority to carry out purposes of this act and the New Mexico Housing Trust Fund Act. Ten percent of the appropriation shall be made available to a municipality or county for affordable housing projects, including new construction or rehabilitation of existing affordable housing based on certain criteria explained below.  
**Status:** 03/03/2025 - Senate Finance Committee

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**Bill:** SB152  
**Sponsors:** Stefanics (D39); Lord (R22); Gonzales (D70)  
**Title:** MORATORIUM ON NEW CANNABIS PRODUCER LICENSES  
**Summary:** Authorizes a board of county commissioners to petition the Cannabis Control Division to impose a two-year moratorium on the issuance of new cannabis producer licenses in that county.  
**Status:** 02/14/2025 - Senate Judiciary Committee  
**Position:** Support

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**Bill:** SB171  
**Sponsors:** Trujillo (D24)  
**Title:** REDACTION OF PERSONAL INFORMATION IN COUNTY RECORDS  
**Summary:** Proposes to specify that, when County Clerks digitizes documents or releases them to third parties, they must redact the following protected personal identifier information: (1) month and day of a person's birthday; (2) all but the last four digits of the social security number; and (3) all but the last four digits of the driver's license number.  
**Status:** 01/28/2025 - Senate Health and Public Affairs Committee

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**Bill:** SB173  
**Sponsors:** Gallegos, David (R41)  
**Title:** PERA TO INCLUDE PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATORS  
**Summary:** Amends the Public Employees Retirement Act to include public safety telecommunicators, whether employees of the state or affiliated public employers other than the state, under the benefits of the retirement act.  
**Status:** 03/05/2025 - Senate Finance Committee  
**Position:** Support

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**Bill:** SB186  
**Sponsors:** Wirth (D25)  
**Title:** SPECIAL METHOD OF VALUATION FOR MULTIFAMILY HOUSING  
**Summary:** Creates a special method valuation for residential multifamily property that sets its valuation for the current property tax year at the lower of the current and correct value or the actual costs of construction and land. The general 3% cap on year-to-year increases in valuation of residential property applies. No value shall be attributed to amenities or ancillary improvements and the per-unit value shall not exceed the total property value divided by the number of units, multiplied by forty percent.  
**Status:** 03/04/2025 - Failed in the Senate

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**Bill:** SB192  
**Sponsors:** O'Malley (D13)  
**Title:** PROPERTY TAX CODE REVISIONS; INCREASE VETERAN EXEMPTIONS  
**Summary:** (Similar to HB 47 in part) Makes several revisions to the Property Tax Code regarding declared disasters and other matters and puts into statute the increases in the veteran exemptions approved by the electorate in the 2024 general election.  
**Status:** 01/29/2025 - Senate Tax, Business and Transportation Committee  
**Position:** Support

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**Bill:** SB197  
**Sponsors:** Campos (D8)

**Title:** MUNICIPALITIES AND COUNTIES: BOND AUTHORITY FOR EMS  
**Summary:** Grants municipalities and counties the authority to issue bonds against the distributions to the municipality or county from the Emergency Medical Services Fund. Proceeds to be used for emergency medical system improvement projects or emergency medical services vehicles.  
**Status:** 01/29/2025 - Senate Health and Public Affairs Committee  
**Position:** Support

**Bill:** **SB199**  
**Sponsors:** Jaramillo, L. (D5)  
**Title:** USE OF LIQUOR EXCISE TAX REVENUES IN LOCAL DWI FUND  
**Summary:** Increases from \$2.5 million to \$3 million the amount of liquor excise tax revenues that DFA's Local Government Division may use for grants to municipalities and counties. Ups the amount that may be expended in a year for administration of the DWI grant program by \$500,000 and the set aside in the county formula-based distributions by \$200,000.  
**Status:** 03/03/2025 - House Health and Human Services Committee  
**Position:** Support

**Bill:** **SB206**  
**Sponsors:** Padilla (D14); Lundstrom (D9)  
**Title:** PROCUREMENT CODE CHANGES  
**Summary:** Makes a number of changes to the Procurement Code, which are detailed below. These include training for chief procurement officers, additional exemptions from the Code, provisions relating to sealed bids, and a number of new or amended definitions  
**Status:** 02/26/2025 - Senate Judiciary Committee

**Bill:** **SB218**  
**Sponsors:** Duhigg (D10)  
**Title:** ELECTION CODE CHANGES  
**Summary:** This 57-page bill proposes some major and many minor changes to the Election Code; most significantly, amends the Primary Election Law to eliminate party nominating conventions for statewide offices, in deference to the existing process for a candidate to file a declaration of candidacy for a party's primary election with the Secretary of State accompanied by petitions with the required number of signatures; eliminates statutory provisions for primary election day procedures at local polling places; and amends the Local Election Law to eliminate the option for a municipal officer election day in March, in deference to the regular local election day in November. Creates a process for holding emergency elections in the case of a declaration of emergency due, for instance, to a natural disaster.  
**Status:** 02/12/2025 - Senate Judiciary Committee  
**Position:** Neutral

**Bill:** **SB223**  
**Sponsors:** Sedillo Lopez (D16)  
**Title:** LEDA: HOUSING STUDIES REQUIRED  
**Summary:** (Duplicate of 2025 HB135) Mandates that LEDA economic development plans or ordinances require the qualifying entity conduct a housing study of the counties and municipalities affected by implementation of the proposed economic development project and not rely solely on a cost burden analysis. The study shall be done prior to applying for public assistance. Application for public assistance for the project to include the findings of the housing study.  
**Status:** 01/31/2025 - Senate Health and Public Affairs Committee

**Bill:** **SB243**  
**Sponsors:** Scott (R42)  
**Title:** DISTRIBUTES 8 PERCENT OF GROSS RECEIPTS REVENUES TO CITIES AND COUNTIES  
**Summary:** (2024 HB54; 2023 HB440) Starting with July 2025, requires 8% of the revenues attributable to the gross receipts tax be distributed to the "cities and counties fund" created by this act rather than to the state GF. By October 1, 2025 and each October 1 thereafter, TRD shall certify to the State Treasurer the amounts to be transferred to each municipality and county according to the following formulas. By November 1, 2025 and each November 1, thereafter, the State Treasurer shall distribute to each municipality and county the certified amounts.  
**Status:** 02/03/2025 - Senate Tax, Business and Transportation Committee

**Bill:** SB250  
**Sponsors:** Maestas (D26); Rubio (D35)  
**Title:** SANCTUARY STATE LAW  
**Summary:** Would stop state, county and local governments from coordinating or cooperating with federal immigration officials' efforts to identify, apprehend and deport undocumented immigrants.  
**Status:** 02/03/2025 - Senate Health and Public Affairs Committee  
**Position:** Oppose

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**Bill:** SB254  
**Sponsors:** Padilla (D14)  
**Title:** CYBERSECURITY OFFICE AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHANGES  
**Summary:** Amends the Cybersecurity Act to expand the scope of the Office of Cybersecurity's responsibility for IT infrastructure for all entities connected to a state-operated or state-owned telecommunications network, rather than only networks operated or owned by a state agency. Changes membership of the Cybersecurity Advisory Committee, which has authority for hiring the Security Officer and advising on certain duties of the office.  
**Status:** 02/21/2025 - Senate Health and Public Affairs Committee  
**Position:** Support

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**Bill:** SB274  
**Sponsors:** Wirth (D25); Lujan (D48)  
**Title:** INCREASE THRESHOLD FOR DISPOSAL OF PUBLIC PROPERTY  
**Summary:** Amends the Procurement Code to increase the threshold for State Board of Finance or legislative approval of sales, trades, or leases of property by state agencies, local public bodies, and school districts. Amends the definition of "local public body."  
**Status:** 03/04/2025 - Senate Calendar  
**Position:** Support

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**Bill:** SB290  
**Sponsors:** Trujillo (D24)  
**Title:** MARRIAGE LICENSE FEE INCREASE  
**Summary:** Raises the fee for a marriage license paid to the County Clerk to \$50, up from \$25. Fees are to be deposited in the County Clerk Recording and Filing Fund, then transferred by the County Treasurer within 15 days of the end of the month as follows: \$15 to the County General Fund; \$15 to the State Treasurer for credit to the Children's Trust Fund; and \$20 to be retained by the County Clerk.  
**Status:** 03/01/2025 - Senate Finance Committee  
**Position:** Support

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**Bill:** SB299  
**Sponsors:** Tobiassen (R21)  
**Title:** NOTICE OF LEGISLATIVE VACANCY  
**Summary:** Requires the Secretary of State to give written notice of a vacancy of a legislative office to the county commissioners of all counties in the district of the vacant office; the notice must be given within 15 days of receipt of a notice of vacancy by the Secretary of State.  
**Status:** 03/04/2025 - House Government, Elections and Indian Affairs Committee

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**Bill:** SB311  
**Sponsors:** Maestas (D26)  
**Title:** EMINENT DOMAIN POWERS TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT  
**Summary:** Grants to municipalities and counties eminent domain powers to carry out and effectuate the purposes and provisions of the Metropolitan Redevelopment Code.  
**Status:** 02/07/2025 - Senate Tax, Business and Transportation Committee

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**Bill:** SB312  
**Sponsors:** Maestas (D26)  
**Title:** LOCAL ZONING APPEALS  
**Summary:** Relates to appeals taken on decisions made by local government on zoning cases. The bill would restrict appeals of municipal or joint municipal-county zoning and planning bodies to an aggrieved person with

an ownership interest in the property or in property that is adjacent to the subject property. The bill does not specify whether the "person" with an ownership interest includes any entity with an ownership interest in the property or only an individual person.

**Status:** 02/07/2025 - Senate Health and Public Affairs Committee

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**Bill:** **SB322**

**Sponsors:** Lopez (D11)

**Title:** STRIP SEARCHES AND CAMERAS IN JUVENILE DETENTION

**Summary:** Amends the Children's Code to limit when and how strip searches may be performed in a juvenile detention facility; requires an incident report to be filed after any such search; prohibits placing cameras or visual filming devices in shower or toilet areas of a detention facility.

**Status:** 03/05/2025 - Senate Judiciary Committee

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**Bill:** **SB348**

**Sponsors:** Townsend (R34)

**Title:** STATE PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF PROPERTY TAXES TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

**Summary:** Requires the state, when it acquires fee simple title to real property by purchase or eminent domain, to make annual payments in lieu of taxes to any political subdivision of the state that formerly received property tax revenue on the parcel prior to state acquisition. Provides an exemption for the Department of Transportation. Creates a Payment in Lieu of Taxes Fund and appropriates it to the Department of Taxation and Revenue for administration.

**Status:** 02/11/2025 - Senate Tax, Business and Transportation Committee

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**Bill:** **SB352**

**Sponsors:** Duhigg (D10)

**Title:** CONFIDENTIALITY OF MEDICAL INVESTIGATOR PHOTOS

**Summary:** Provides that photographic images taken by a state, district or deputy medical investigator are confidential, are not public records, and shall not be accessible to the public other than for use or potential use in a civil or criminal proceeding.

**Status:** 02/11/2025 - Senate Tax, Business and Transportation Committee

**Position:** Support

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**Bill:** **SB353**

**Sponsors:** Steinborn (D36)

**Title:** SEARCH AND RESCUE EMERGENCY REPORTS

**Summary:** Amends the Search and Rescue Act to establish a search and rescue (SAR) emergency response protocol for federal, state and local agencies when NM Search and Rescue is required in a SAR emergency. Requires the state SAR Resource Officer to establish standard criteria for notifying the state SAR Control Agency (State Police) and to train emergency response personnel in those protocols. Requires consultation with other emergency responder agencies.

**Status:** 03/05/2025 - Senate Calendar

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**Bill:** **SB355**

**Sponsors:** Wirth (D25)

**Title:** PUBLIC FINANCE ACCOUNTABILITY ACT

**Summary:** Establishes standards and practices for improved management of capital outlay.

**Status:** 03/03/2025 - Senate Finance Committee

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**Bill:** **SB357**

**Sponsors:** Hamblen (D38)

**Title:** ESSENTIAL SERVICES DEVELOPMENT ACT

**Summary:** Cited as the Essential Services Development Act, authorizes state public support for essential services projects that allow access to internet, energy, water, and wastewater services primarily for residential purposes. Provides for local and regional governments to adopt plans for development of essential services and to expend public funds for projects that provide these services. Provides that only the state may provide public support for an essential services project, which shall be specifically authorized by law.

**Status:** 02/28/2025 - Senate Judiciary Committee

**Bill:** SB358  
**Sponsors:** Hamblen (D38)  
**Title:** EQUINE WELFARE RESCUE FUND USES AND TRUST FUND  
**Summary:** Proposes to amend the Equine Shelter Rescue Fund in the Livestock Code to state with some specificity how the Livestock Board may use funds to assist rescue and retirement facilities and surrendered equines, including the process for contracting with applicant facilities that meet eligibility requirements; requires the board to appoint an 8-member advisory committee to recommend approval of applicants; requires an annual report to the Legislature; and creates the Equine Welfare Trust Fund, which shall annually pour money over to the Rescue Fund according to formula. Appropriates \$20.0 million (GF, nonreverting) to the Equine Welfare Trust Fund for FY 2026 and subsequent years.  
**Status:** 02/27/2025 - Senate Finance Committee

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**Bill:** SB359  
**Sponsors:** Brandt (R40)  
**Title:** REMOVAL OF UNLAWFUL OCCUPANT FROM REAL PROPERTY  
**Summary:** (Almost identical to 2025 HB309; related to 2025 HB332). Provides a process for a property owner to remove persons who are unlawfully occupying the owner's real property. "Unlawfully occupying" is a crime constituting trespassing.  
**Status:** 02/12/2025 - Senate Judiciary Committee  
**Position:** Oppose

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**Bill:** SB364  
**Sponsors:** Nava (D9); Martinez, A. (R23)  
**Title:** LAW ENFORCEMENT: IMMIGRANTS WITH WORK VISAS  
**Summary:** Allows people who are not U.S. citizens to serve as law enforcement officers if they have work authorization documents from U.S. citizenship and immigration services; makes changes to Sec. 29-1-9, Sec. 29-2-6, and Sec. 29-7-6 to allow this — in effect potentially broadening the recruitment pool for law enforcement.  
**Status:** 02/12/2025 - Senate Tax, Business and Transportation Committee

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**Bill:** SB376  
**Sponsors:** Stefanics (D39)  
**Title:** INCREASES STATE SHARE OF GROUP INSURANCE COSTS  
**Summary:** Starting July 1, 2025, sets the state share in the cost of group (term life, medical or disability income) insurance for employees at 80%. Prohibits certain hospitals from charging or collecting an amount higher than the maximum allowed by an employee's plan. Requires Health Care Authority agency to base its budget request for employee health benefits on actuarially sound rate adjustments and establish a program to make health benefits more affordable for certain employees using appropriations from the Health Care Affordability Fund. Expands purposes of the Health Care Affordability Fund.  
**Status:** 03/05/2025 - Senate Calendar

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**Bill:** SB378  
**Sponsors:** Sharer (R1)  
**Title:** RAISES LIQUOR EXCISE TAX RATES  
**Summary:** Raises liquor excise tax rates about 20 percent on the following types of alcohol produced by persons other than those with discounted rates:  
**Status:** 02/13/2025 - Senate Tax, Business and Transportation Committee

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**Bill:** SB382  
**Sponsors:** Ezzell (R32)  
**Title:** DEDUCTION FOR GOLD AND SILVER  
**Summary:** Grants a gross receipts tax deduction for receipts from the sale of gold or silver coins and gold or silver bullion.  
**Status:** 02/13/2025 - Senate Tax, Business and Transportation Committee

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**Bill:** SB392  
**Sponsors:** Steinborn (D36)  
**Title:** AFFORDABLE PAYMENT PLANS AT RURAL HOSPITALS



**Summary:** Requires county hospitals in rural locations where that is the only available treatment option to offer more affordable payment plans equivalent to Medicare or Medicaid reimbursement rates (whichever is greater) for certain patients who lack medical insurance and do not qualify for Medicare or other coverage options.  
**Status:** 02/14/2025 - Senate Health and Public Affairs Committee

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**Bill:** **SB399**  
**Sponsors:** Brantley (R35); Terrazas (R39)  
**Title:** LOCAL GOVERNMENT BORDER SUPPORT REIMBURSEMENT FUND  
**Summary:** (Relates to HB 376, HB 316, SB 87, SB 257; Conflicts with SB 250) Creates the local Government Border Support Reimbursement Fund to be administered by the Department of Finance and Administration to reimburse local governments for expenses related to emergency medical services, law enforcement response to "unattended deaths," costs associated with supporting federal border patrol efforts and "humanitarian efforts" along the border, which include illegal dumping, state and federal drug trafficking task forces, and state and federal human trafficking task forces.  
**Status:** 02/14/2025 - Senate Health and Public Affairs Committee

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**Bill:** **SB408**  
**Sponsors:** Gallegos, David (R41)  
**Title:** PROCUREMENT OF ARCHITECTURAL, ENGINEERING, AND CONSTRUCTION SERVICES  
**Summary:** (Related to 2023 SB497) Increases the limit on the total amount on contracts for the procurement of architectural and engineering services and construction that state agencies and local bodies may enter into.  
**Status:** 02/14/2025 - Senate Tax, Business and Transportation Committee

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**Bill:** **SB431**  
**Sponsors:** Sedillo Lopez (D16); Ferrary (D37)  
**Title:** LIQUOR EXCISE TAX REDISTRIBUTION; LIQUOR EXCISE SURTAX  
**Summary:** (Related to 2025 HB199 and SB378; 2024 HB179 and SB147) Redistributes liquor excise tax revenues and imposes a new liquor excise surtax of six percent of the retail price. Creates the Local Alcohol Harms Alleviation Fund.  
**Status:** 02/17/2025 - Senate Tax, Business and Transportation Committee

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**Bill:** **SB432**  
**Sponsors:** Lanier (R2)  
**Title:** BEHAVIORAL HEALTH GRANT PROGRAM AND FUND  
**Summary:** Creates the Behavioral Health Grant Program to make grants to municipalities and counties for community-based programs and services to prevent, treat and screen for behavioral health issues; provides for rulemaking, grantmaking, and oversight. Creates the Behavioral Health Grant Program Fund, administered by the Local Government Division of the Department of Finance and Administration. Provides for distributions from Liquor Excise Tax receipts to the Grant Program Fund for grants, and to the Health Care Authority to increase Medicaid reimbursement for behavioral health programs. Provides for a distribution from Cannabis Excise Tax receipts to the Grant Program Fund.  
**Status:** 02/18/2025 - Senate Health and Public Affairs Committee

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**Bill:** **SB442**  
**Sponsors:** Munoz (D4)  
**Title:** GENERAL APPROPRIATION ACT OF 2025  
**Summary:** (Duplicate of 2025 HB141) This is an exact duplicate of this year's HB141, a 236-page measure that is a placeholder for the eventual HB2, the FY2026 General Appropriation Act, as it moves through the committee budget process. Appropriated here is \$10,618,896,600 from the General Fund for FY2026 in 10 umbrella categories for state government agencies.  
**Status:** 02/18/2025 - Senate Finance Committee

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**Bill:** **SB452**  
**Sponsors:** Townsend (R34)  
**Title:** CRIME OF SOLICITING A NON-CITIZEN TO VOTE  
**Summary:** Amends the Election Code to create the fourth degree felony crime of knowingly soliciting a person who is not a US citizen to register, or to vote, in New Mexico. Each act of solicitation is a separate offense. It

is not a defense to the crime that the solicitation includes a disclaimer advising the person who receives it not to register or not to vote if the person is not a US citizen.

**Status:** 02/19/2025 - Senate Rules Committee

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**Bill:** **SB453**

**Sponsors:** Townsend (R34)

**Title:** NO VOTER MAILINGS FOR NON-CITIZENS

**Summary:** Amends the Election Code to prohibit the Secretary of State or a county clerk from making notifications of eligibility or potential eligibility to vote in the state to a person who is not a US citizen or a group of persons that includes one who is not a US citizen.

**Status:** 02/19/2025 - Senate Rules Committee

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**Bill:** **SB505**

**Sponsors:** Cervantes (D31)

**Title:** INSURANCE TORT LIABILITY: NONUSE OF BODY CAMERAS BY PEACE OFFICERS

**Summary:** Relates to law enforcement. Strengthens the presumption of bad faith for peace officers who fail to comply with the policies and procedures of the use of body-worn cameras. Amends the definition of "law enforcement agency" to include police departments of public post-secondary educational institutions.

**Status:** 03/01/2025 - Senate Calendar

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**Bill:** **SB527**

**Sponsors:** Padilla (D14)

**Title:** DUMMY BILL

**Summary:** None

**Status:** 02/20/2025 - Senate Tax, Business and Transportation Committee

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**Bill:** **SB9121**

**Sponsors:** Sedillo Lopez (D16)

**Title:** CA: PEOPLE'S ENVIRONMENTAL RIGHTS

**Summary:** (Senate Joint Resolution) (Nearly identical to 2024 SJR8 and 2023 HJR4) Proposes a constitutional amendment by adding a new section to Article 2 that provides the people of the state with environmental rights. Includes the right to clean and healthy air, water, soil and environments, healthy native flora, fauna and ecosystems, a safe climate, and the preservation of the natural, cultural, scenic and healthful qualities of the environment, all without discrimination on the basis of race, ethnicity, tribal status, gender, socioeconomics, or geography. Directs the state, counties, and municipalities to serve as trustees of the natural resources of New Mexico for the benefit of all the people.

**Status:** 01/10/2025 - Prefiled in the Senate

**Position:** Oppose

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**Bill:** **SJR2**

**Sponsors:** Gonzales (D6); Borrego (D17)

**Title:** CA: LIMITS USE OF PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREE HEALTH CARE TRUST FUNDS

**Summary:** Proposes a constitutional amendment to Article 20 of the Constitution of New Mexico to prohibit the use of trust funds created for Public Employees Retiree Health Care for any purpose except the sole and exclusive benefit of the trust beneficiaries. Provides for the administration of the trust funds and affirms a vested property right with due process protections for any state employee and any of its institutions or political subdivisions who meet the minimum service requirements.

**Status:** 02/14/2025 - Senate Finance Committee

**Position:** Support

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**Bill:** **SJR4**

**Sponsors:** Sedillo Lopez (D16)

**Title:** CA: PEOPLE'S ENVIRONMENTAL RIGHTS

**Summary:** (Senate Joint Resolution) (Nearly identical to 2024 SJR8 and 2023 HJR4) Proposes a constitutional amendment by adding a new section to Article 2 that provides the people of the state with environmental rights. Includes the right to clean and healthy air, water, soil and environments, healthy native flora, fauna and ecosystems, a safe climate, and the preservation of the natural, cultural, scenic and healthful qualities of the environment, all without discrimination on the basis of race, ethnicity,

tribal status, gender, socioeconomics, or geography. Directs the state, counties, and municipalities to serve as trustees of the natural resources of New Mexico for the benefit of all the people.

**Status:** 01/22/2025 - Senate Rules Committee  
**Position:** Oppose

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**Bill:** **SJR10**  
**Sponsors:** Block, Jay (D12)  
**Title:** CA: PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR EMERGENCY FIRST RESPONDERS  
**Summary:** Proposes to amend Article 8, Section 5 of the State Constitution to exempt from property taxation 50% of the value of the residence of each certified emergency first responder.  
**Status:** 02/10/2025 - Senate Rules Committee  
**Position:** Oppose

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**Bill:** **SJR11**  
**Sponsors:** Trujillo (D24)  
**Title:** CA: SCHOOL ELECTIONS DURING PARTISAN ELECTIONS  
**Summary:** Proposes to amend Article 7, Sec. 1 of the Constitution to permit school elections to be held at the same time as partisan elections, by removing the constitutional prohibition against doing so.  
**Status:** 03/05/2025 - House Judiciary Committee

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**Bill:** **SJR13**  
**Sponsors:** Pinto (D3)  
**Title:** CA: OPEN PRIMARY ELECTIONS  
**Summary:** Proposes to amend Article 7 of the state Constitution to allow all registered qualified electors, regardless of party preference or affiliation or lack thereof, to vote for the candidate of their choice in a voter-nomination primary election process to determine which candidates for that office will appear on the general election ballot.  
**Status:** 02/18/2025 - Senate Rules Committee

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**Bill:** **SM2**  
**Sponsors:** Woods (R7)  
**Title:** WILDFIRE STUDY GROUP  
**Summary:** Asks the Legislative Council to direct the creation of a Wildfire Study Group to study and develop a comprehensive approach to address and mitigate wildfires in New Mexico. Asks that the group include stakeholders to study and develop and make recommendations to the appropriate interim legislative committee for a comprehensive statewide approach to address, avoid, and mitigate wildfires, including recommendations for necessary funding and proposed legislation.  
**Status:** 02/25/2025 - Senate Calendar