

## 2025 NMC Tracking List (2025 Reg)

**Bill:** HB2  
**Sponsors:** Small (D36); Dixon (D20)  
**Title:** GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR STATE AGENCIES  
**Summary:** This version of HB 2 represents a shell for the FY2026 budget which will undergo significant change before being finalized. Appropriated here is \$10,618,896,600 from the General Fund for FY2026 in 10 umbrella categories for state government agencies.

**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.

**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).

**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.

**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).  
**Position:** Oppose

**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).

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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:  
**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.  
**Position:** Support

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**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.

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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.

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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).  
**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.

**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.

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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.

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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.  
**Position:** Oppose

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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.  
**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.  
**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.  
**Position:** Support

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**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.

**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.

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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.

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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.

**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.

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**Bill:** **HB125**

**Sponsors:** Matthews (D27)

**Title:** ESTATES: CONSERVATOR'S WAIVER OF LIABILITY

**Summary:** (Related to 2023 SB183) Allows a conservator or similarly situated person to request a waiver of liability for actions arising from obligations or torts for which the conservator would be individually liable under the Probate Code.

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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.

**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.  
**Position:** Support

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**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.

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**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.

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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:

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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.

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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.  
**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.

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**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.

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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)

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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.

**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.

**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.

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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.

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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:

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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.

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**Bill:** **HB311**

**Sponsors:** Small (D36)

**Title:** RECLAIMED WATER ACT

**Summary:** Authorizes a municipality or county, with permission from the Economic Development Department (EDD), 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.

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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.

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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.  
**Position:** Support

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**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.

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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.  
**Position:** Oppose

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**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.  
**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.

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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.

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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.  
**Position:** Support

**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:

**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.

**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.

**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.  
**Position:** Support

**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.

**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.

**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.

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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.  
**Position:** Support

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**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.

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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.

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**Bill:** SB33  
**Sponsors:** Stefanics (D39); Vincent (R56); Ortez (D42); Gonzales (D70)  
**Title:** WILDFIRE PREPARED ACT AND FUND  
**Summary:** Cited as the "Wildfire Prepared Act," it seeks to strengthen preparedness of structures for wildfires through the newly created Wildfire Prepared Fund and the awarding of grants for a Wildfire Prepared Program. Appropriates \$20 million (GF, nonreverting) to the Fund.  
**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.

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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.

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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.

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**Bill:** SB57  
**Sponsors:** Wirth (D25); Szczepanski (D47)  
**Title:** IPRA EXCEPTION FOR ABORTION PROVIDER INFORMATION  
**Summary:** Excepts 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.

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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."

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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.  
**Position:** Oppose

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**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.  
**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.

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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%.

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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%.

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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.

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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.

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**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:

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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.

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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."

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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.

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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.  
**Position:** Support

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**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.

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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.  
**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.

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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.  
**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.

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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.  
**Position:** Support

**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.  
**Position:** Support

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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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."  
**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

**Position:** Treasurer for credit to the Children’s Trust Fund; and \$20 to be retained by the County Clerk.  
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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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.  
**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.

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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

**Position:** serve as trustees of the natural resources of New Mexico for the benefit of all the people.  
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.

**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.

**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.