

**SANTA FE COUNTY**  
**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**February 11, 2025**

Camilla Bustamante, Chair - District 3  
Lisa Cacari Stone, Vice Chair - District 2  
Justin Greene - District 1  
Hank Hughes, Chair - District 5  
Adam Johnson - District 4

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**1. A.** This meeting of the Santa Fe Board of County Commissioners was called to order at approximately 2:00 p.m. by Chair Camilla Bustamante in the County Commission Chambers, 102 Grant Avenue, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

**B. Roll Call**

Roll was called by Election Bureau Chief Rosangela Ortiz and indicated the presence of a quorum as follows:

**Members Present:**

Commissioner Camilla Bustamante, Chair  
Commissioner Lisa Cacari Stone, Vice Chair  
Commissioner Justin Greene  
Commissioner Hank Hughes  
Commissioner Adam Johnson

**Members Excused:**

None

**C. Pledge of Allegiance**

**D. State Pledge**

**E. O'ga P'ogeh Owingeh Land Acknowledgement**

**F. Moment of Reflection**

The Pledge of Allegiance and the State Pledge were led by Chair Bustamante. She acknowledged that this building and Santa Fe County as being in the traditional homeland of the Tewa people also known as O'ga P'ogeh Owingeh, "White Shell Watering Place." The Moment of Reflection by Jaome Blay of the Fire Department.

**G. Approval of Agenda**

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Manager Shaffer, do we have any changes to the agenda we've been presented today?

GREG SHAFFER (County Manager): Chair Bustamante, Commissioners, no changes recommended by staff to the agenda as presented, which was posted last Tuesday at approximately 7:48 p.m. Thank you.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Do we have a motion to approve the agenda as provided?

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COMMISSIONER GREENE: Move to approve as presented.

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Second.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: We have a motion by Commissioner Greene and a second by Commissioner Hughes.

**The motion passed by unanimous [5-0] voice vote.**

2. **Approval of Meeting Minutes** - None were presented.

3. **Consideration Proclamations, Resolutions, and/or Recognitions**

A. **Resolution No. 2025-016, a Resolution Upholding the Dignity, Safety, Health, and Wellbeing of All Santa Fe County Residents**

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Commissioner Cacari Stone.

COMMISSIONER CACARI STONE: Thank you for coming today, Chair Bustamante, fellow Commissioners. I am introducing today the resolution that upholds the dignity, safety, health and wellbeing of all Santa Fe County residents. This resolution comes at a time and calls for our urgencies as fellow Commissioners and as current Santa Fe County public servants. We serve all community members. All residents of Santa Fe County. As Commissioners, we took our oath of office to solemnly affirm that we will support the constitution of the United States, the constitution of the State of New Mexico, and that will faithfully and impartially discharge the duties of our set office to the best of our ability.

It is important to recognize that at the executive level of the US government there has been a declaration of several executive orders addressing the enhanced vetting of visa applicants, birthright citizenship, border security, the US-Mexico border agreement, asylum and the refugee program.

These executive orders have had grave implications for our localities in tribal, County and City government. I want to emphasize that our Attorney General, Raul Torres, prioritizes the wellbeing of the New Mexico families regardless of residency status. Our Attorney General also put an affirmative statement saying it is very clear that under New Mexico law state and local enforcement agencies are not obligated to enhance civil immigration enforcement actions that are initiated by the federal government.

Additionally, Governor Lujan Grisham has made statements that her administration will not stand idly by as the executive makes good on his promise of mass deportations. She said such an action is contrary to the values of most Americans and certainly to those in New Mexico, and this would cause significant economic and family disruptions.

Based on these urgencies in this current context this proposed resolution falls in line of the spirit, the vision of goals of Santa Fe County which has always served all residents regardless of citizenship, immigration status, race, gender, religion, sexuality and other different positionalities of our community. The resolution has reinforcements and statements of existing resolutions that were passed in 2015 and 2016 and we have Santa Fe County staff here to mention a little bit more about these resolutions.

I want to highlight that the recommended actions also acknowledge the contributions of immigrants in Santa Fe County, specifically the diversity of our immigrants, not just coming from Mexico and Central America but other parts of the

global connected economies and community which root us all. Today we made our reverence to the state flag of New Mexico of a perfect union of all cultures. We stand in this perfect union.

Immigrants make up 11 percent of Santa Fe County's population. They play a vital role. They are our families. They are our relatives. They are our neighbors. They are our business owners. They are also the fabric of our history, of our culture of what stands behind us in this mural. We also recognize the economic contributions that immigrants make and bring to Santa Fe County. According to a report, immigrants contributed \$1.1 billion of our county's GDP. Immigrants represent 15.2 percent of business owners and contribute close to \$50 million to Social Security and just over \$13 million to Medicare.

Many of our immigrant families and communities are of mixed-status families. This means some were born here; others were not. Many of them have the rights as residents to seek safety when they need it, to seek health and social services. I also want to mention that as leaders and elected officials, we take an oath to protect all regardless of immigration status, but this also includes intersectionality of who immigrants are, with LGBTQI status and the current targets on transgender communities. It is our mission and goals as accountable government closest to the people to protect the safety of all, to dedicate to sustainability and community health, and to collaborate and be transparent and accessible as government. We must continue to earn the public's trust in a time where distrusting government, law enforcement, and local government services are not trusted.

The resolution has nine particular provisions. And I'm going to stop here because I would like to have our collaborative and dedicated public servants with the County, including Sheriff Mendoza, our Warden, as well as Anne Ryan who have been collaborating. We did some internal conversations. We also did some external conversations and if the Chair sees it fit with the time, it is her prerogative to allow a few comments from community members who have come here. But I'll defer to the Chair after our county residents speak. Thank you.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Thank you, Commissioner Cacari Stone. Let's hear from our staff. Thank you.

ANNE RYAN (Community Services Director): Madam Chair, Commissioners. I'd like to share three brief points reminding the community of our charge, reassuring them to the best extent possible, and reaffirming our allegiance to that charge, representing the public health and social services arm of the County. I'd also like to then share just two very brief pieces of information.

So in terms of reminding the community of our charge, it is our job to preserve and protect and promote community health for everybody equally. That is why we are here and it is our honor and our privilege. We want to reaffirm for your constituents, for community members, our undying allegiance to that charge. It is done so through an entire network of community based providers who are just as dedicated to that mission of ensuring equality and access when it comes to public health and social services.

So I want to make reference just very briefly for example to our CONNECT program. That is a network and it's a City-County program involving 80 different non-profits and agencies in our area that is dedicated to the health and welfare of every single individual and family in our community, irrespective of immigration status or a whole host of other challenges. If you are in need we are here to help. It is why we exist. And to the best extent possible, finally wanting to provide some reassurances, despite these ever

changing times and in recognizing that we might not know an individual's exact situation and how that feels, every human being knows the feeling of fear. That is universal.

And to the best extent possible we want to reassure everybody the importance of continuing to stay engaged in their healthcare and with other services and programs.

And finally wanting to provide some anecdotal but nevertheless concerning information. Within our network we are seeing a demonstrated fact pattern of providers witnessing a significant spike in no-show rates since January. And the reason that's important, as Madam Chair knows, is from a public health perspective that can be very, very dangerous. Think about a grandmother on dialysis in a mixed status family who is choosing not to seek healthcare because of her status, or a single father who is potentially undocumented and working construction and taking care of his four children who are thriving in school, and themselves are American citizens, and he falls from the roof. It really can turn dangerous and into a significant public health situation.

So with that, to the best extent possible, want to reassure everybody, it is our job to help. It is our honor to help. It's our privilege to help. And present here today is one of those providers, Las Cumbres, should the Commission have questions, along with one of our bi-lingual navigators with the CONNECT program. So thank you.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Thank you, Director Ryan. Next we have Warden Williams, or whoever needs to speak next. Thank you.

DEREK WILLIAMS (Warden): Madam Chair, Commissioners, I have very brief comments. However, I'd like to share our County Correctional Facility is focused primarily on protecting civil rights but also maintaining public safety. That said, in regards to housing, there's three different categories of folks that we house at the Adult Detention Facility.

When law enforcement encounters an individual in the community, if they have probable cause that they are committing a criminal offense those individuals are arrested and that is the sample of one. The other group is those who have been adjudicated on criminal offenses and receive a judgment sentence, sometimes to our County facility, sometimes to the state penitentiary, depending on the severity of the offense and the outcome of the sentence. And sometimes they wait there with us while they're waiting for transportation to the appropriate state facility. And thirdly those who are identified in an arrest warrant, a lawful arrest warrant for a criminal offense where there is a respective court and lawful judge's signature to that warrant. And I believe our County Attorney has some following comments regarding ICE detainers which I think have gotten some recent headlines in the news. I'll let him – I'll refer to him for that part.

WALKER BOYD (County Attorney): Thank you, Warden Williams. I just want to thank you for being pro-active and responsive and engaged with the County Attorney's Office on this. It's been great working with you over these past few weeks. Certainly this is an issue at the forefront of everyone's minds.

I think that everyone understands here as the proposed resolution makes clear that a request from ICE to hold someone on civil immigration detainer is something that by County policy is not honored at the Adult Detention Facility. That has long been County policy. The County is fully within its rights under both state and federal law to assert that authority to not hold people and in fact, it is arguably required to release someone who has no other reason to be held because immigration proceedings are civil in nature and Santa Fe County generally lacks authority under the state constitution to hold someone who is not subject to criminal charges.

So it's been good working with Warden Williams on this. I was please to sign this resolution. I think that it is entirely consistent with federal and state law. I think the County is within its rights and authority to consider this and it is not placing itself in any substantial legal risk by considering this resolution.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Thank you. Sheriff, did you have something to share with us?

ADAN MENDOZA (Sheriff): Madam Chair and Commissioners, thank you for having me today. I wanted to state that the Sheriff's Office does support the resolution as presented. We as law enforcement and the Sheriff's Office are committed to the safety and welfare for all residents of Santa Fe County. We take that partnership with our community very seriously and we want to make sure that people feel safe and when they call 911 or they have an emergency that we are going to respond and help irregardless of your immigration status.

Now, when it comes to the criminal element or people that are perpetrating crimes on citizens of Santa Fe County, serious felonies, violent crimes or sexual acts, the Sheriff's Office takes those very seriously and will utilize any local, state and federal jurisdiction to help, either remove these individuals from the community or stop them from victimizing citizens within Santa Fe County and that includes the FBI, ATF, which we do on a regular basis, and DEA, and ICE if necessary in extreme cases.

So we support the resolution a presented and we're here to protect and serve all the residents of Santa Fe County. So thank you.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Thank you, Sheriff. Undersheriff Johnson, did you have anything you wanted to share? Commissioner Cacari Stone, did you have someone from the public that you wanted to speak? Otherwise, in the interests of time I don't know that we want to open it up for public comment. It wouldn't necessarily be appropriate but if you have someone who is here specifically to speak to this we would be open for that.

COMMISSIONER CACARI STONE: Yes. I would like to recognize first, also just thank the Sheriff, the Warden, our Legal Attorney lead, Walker Boyd, as well as Anne Ryan and many others who really do embody public service and do continue to sustain the trust of our communities. As part of this we had the New Mexico Dreamers join us to look at the resolution. We had the Mexican Consulate. I weighed in with one or our City Councilors as well who leads immigrants' rights, Councilor Castro. I weighed in with Somos un Pueblo Unido. But today we have Miguel Acosta from Earthcare and a leader on the south side as well as Miles Tokunow from the Dream Team, New Mexico Dreamers, who are going to just quickly do a brief comment, if that's okay with Chair Bustamante.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Thank you, Commissioner. Yes, let's hear from our two guests.

MILES TOKUNOW (via Webex): Good afternoon, Commissioners. This is Miles Tokunow, Executive Director of Santa Fe Dreamer Project, a local nonprofit.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Sorry. You have three minutes.

MR. TOKUNOW: Okay. I'll be brief. I promise. Okay, well, once again, my name is Miles Tokunow, the Executive Director of Santa Fe Dreamer Project, a local nonprofit organization dedicated to providing immigration legal services. [inaudible] I want to thank Commissioner Cacari Stone for introducing such an important resolution. The Santa Fe Dreamers project fully supports this resolution to uphold the dignity, safety,

health and wellbeing of all Santa Fe County residents. Every person in the community, regardless of where they were born deserves to be safe, valued and free to build a life without fear. Immigrants are our neighbors, friends, family members who enrich the cultural and social fabric of Santa Fe County, not just through their labor but through their contributions to our schools, neighborhoods, and shared future.

Public safety is strongest when everyone can seek help, access resources, and fully participate in the community. We urge the Santa Fe County Commission to pass this resolution this evening for our shared, collective vision. Thank you so much.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Thank you. Miguel Acosta?

MIGUEL ACOSTA: I'm co-director of Earth care here in Santa Fe. We do a lot of work with a lot of different communities but one of the major communities that we work with is the immigrant community, youth and families especially on the south side. I'm really happy that this resolution is coming before you and I congratulate the Commission for being the kind of space where Commissioner Cacari Stone felt comfortable enough to be able to even develop this proposal for you all.

I come from a long line of free range Mexicans. We acknowledge that our peoples have been roaming north and south on this continent for centuries, and this resolution help to dignify that, that we are related. That we've been on this continent for an eternity and that we're going to stay here, because we have things to do together. The mural behind you tells a lot of that story. The language of the resolution tells a lot of the commitment. I'm really happy to see that you're not just doing the right thing, that you're committed to doing the right things right. I believe the power of this resolution will not be just in the beautiful language and the concepts that are embodied, but in the work that we'll be able to do together.

Thirteen percent of the businesses are immigrant. It could be 30 percent if people didn't have to work in the shadows. We could be filling jobs that are going unfilled right now – bus drivers, just everything that is needed in this community, if we're able to find ways of working collectively to create safety and security and prosperity here in Santa Fe County.

I look forward to working with you. Thank you.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Thank you very much, Mr. Acosta. I would like to call up the director of Las Cumbres, Ms. Stacey Frymier. I understand that you are here to speak in support of this and we're grateful for the good work that you do.

STACEY FRYMIER: Thank you, Madam Chair and Commissioners. This is the first time I've been able to attend one of these meetings so it's a very auspicious opportunity to get to greet you today, and just represent the organization that I helped to oversee, Las Cumbres Community Services. Our organization was incorporated as a non-profit in 1971 and in Santa Fe County we currently provide a wide range of integrated services for immigrant families as well as all members of our community, across seven key program areas representing supports for pregnant women, intensive case management, early intervention, home visiting, behavioral health, grandparents raising grandchildren, and a dedicated program, Santuario del Corazon, that was specifically developed to support immigrant families.

And as Anne mentioned in her opening remarks, many of our families are quite afraid to receive services, even have people come to their homes right now because they fear that that experience will be targeting. We have a lot of pregnant women who are afraid to access maternal healthcare, and a wide range of similar stories across the

families we're serving. So it will be my great pleasure to return to my organization and share with them the support of this Commission, and the reassurance that across Santa Fe County there are many, many people in positions of government, law enforcement and others who are dedicated to their wellbeing and their safety. So thank you so very much.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Thank you so much, Director. Do we have any comments for anyone who has spoken today from the Commission? Any statements from the Commission? Commissioner Hughes.

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Yes, I just want to say I wholeheartedly support this resolution. It's excellent and everything that's been said. Of course we have to protect people equally, but we equally depend on them. We depend on immigrants to support us. Everybody in this community is important, LGBTQ people are important, and so we can't exist without them. So I support this resolution.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Any other comments? It sounds like we're getting close to a motion. Commissioner Greene

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Thank you, Madam Chair. Thank you, Commissioner Cacari Stone for being pro-active on this. This is a difficult time for a lot of at-risk communities, principally in this case the immigrant community and I stand with this resolution. It's great to acknowledge as well, the good, the bad, and the ugly of this situation. And the good is that this measure here but also that we've been taking this measure for many years and I know that the memo cites the other, older resolutions. I wish it was in the resolution so that we could show a history of past Commissions that have adopted similar measures here, but I'm not going to wordsmith this at this point. But I do wish that that was in there so we can acknowledge some of the past Commissions that were here.

I also – we have our Fire Marshal Jaome Blay who is an immigrant himself. He gave us our invocation and our moment of reflection. But he's a European immigrant and so those are not listed in this and I wish we added an acknowledgement for European immigrants in this as well. So I am in favor – I do not want to wordsmith this but if we would like to add that word to it it would be respectful to that community as well.

And then on the ugly side of this, I do want to acknowledge that once upon a time our community hosted a Japanese internment camp, and that was one of the ugliest times of our community, whether it was forced upon us by the federal government or how it came to be in our community, I think that there's an acknowledgement that needs to be made that these are the things that we do not stand by and that we want to say that we will not help in any way anything as ugly as that. And so – anyway, I stand in support of this resolution. I would love this to acknowledge all of those things so I thought just a comment would be good enough for this instead of wordsmithing this. But thank you very much. And thank you to the staff for coming here and speaking up about it and how you interface with the community with this. Thank you, Sheriff. Thank you, Ms. Ryan. And thank you, Warden.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Thank you. Commissioner Johnson.

COMMISSIONER JOHNSON: Thank you, Chair. I want to thank the Sheriff, the Warden, and Director Ryan for coming out and speaking, and especially Commissioner Cacari Stone for leading the way on this. As Commissioner Greene just mentioned, things in our past – we live in a town with a deep history, not all of it pretty, not all of it picture perfect. The internment camp being one of those examples. I'm a historian. One of the things that's most difficult to convey to students – in another life I



was a college professor, is the emotion, the feeling of what people experience in times of trouble, and especially in times of violence.

And an emotion like fear is really hard to capture and it's hard to kind of comprehend what someone like in a Japanese internment camp may have felt at that time. And unfortunately we're living in a time where fear is really palpable in a number of residents in our community and that is something that we all should take to heart to understand and comprehend because as Director Ryan pointed out, the no-shows are not because they forgot. It's because they fear repercussions that are based on at times something that's out of their control which is their immigration status.

So I just want to underscore that. It's important to reiterate and to underscore our commitment to all county residents, not just citizens of the United States, and I stand in support of this resolution. So thank you, Commissioner.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Thank you very much, Commissioner Johnson, and I too have to comment Commissioner Cacari Stone for bringing this forward and for all of our staff who have supported this. In these times where issues of – and I'm not going to say DEI. I'm going to say diversity, equity and inclusion – who would have thought someone could just make an acronym and turn it into a dirty word. And the fact is, diversity, equity and inclusion was something that was started several decades ago. Actually longer than that. It's been since roughly the 80s. Somebody can go back and look at the timeline, when industry was noting that when you have more diversity and a varied perspective, things were more successful.

And now we're in a place where people are demonized because of a broken system. Because there is no way to quickly expedite or helpfully, if you will, get people a status of either residence or being able to be in the United States in the protected way that doesn't mean that they have to go either to a country that won't accept them or one where they will be brutalized.

So I'm grateful for you bringing this together. We are as a community here to care for our members, whatever their status may be. So I'm grateful. Commissioner Cacari Stone, if you would like to make your motion.

COMMISSIONER CACARI STONE: Chair Bustamante, may I just make one other comment?

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Yes, please.

COMMISSIONER CACARI STONE: For the record, I do want to clarify that the gentleman from the Dreamers is Miles Tokunow. I think I mispronounced that. So I just want to recognize that.

Regarding Commissioner Greene's comment, I think it's important – we have two innovations. When Kimberly Vigil, our liaison with our District 2 and I looked at what other counties are doing across the United States as well as in New Mexico, there's two innovations we have in this resolution, and that's to do training with our own County employees. We're not regulating it because we don't want to violate union bargaining, but this training can include understanding our distinct histories but shared destinies, and can include a history of anti-immigrant violence, basically. So I want to recognize that there's room for including more of that.

The other one is having a community action team that's more informal that would be hopefully under the facilitation of Anne Ryan and others, Las Cumbres, people to come together, so that we sort of have an ear to the ground on what's happening. I want to recognize that we did reach out to the City of Santa Fe. They have a task force on the

books. Hopefully, in the future, we can align our synergies and opportunities to cooperate more. They're just not there right now. But that doesn't mean we can't promote Know Your Rights trainings and other trainings and have public forums together. So I just want to also acknowledge it.

Finally, I wanted to thank Manager Shaffer because when I reached out to him about this first resolution – it's my first one as a newbie, there are some complexities in the dynamics around this, he quickly mobilized the County team and brought together the Legal team on how to craft something that really would work for us. So thank you very much. I'd like to make a motion to vote on this resolution.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Second, and can I make a friendly amendment to add the word Europe in the end of the first paragraph. Santa Fe is also home to immigrants from Asia, Europe and Africa.

COMMISSIONER CACARI STONE: I don't see any problem with a friendly amendment, but I do want to recognize that typically white Europeans are not targeted in the same way in this country as immigrants of color and refugees and asylums, but I do recognize that, Commissioner Greene, and I respect your position.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Thank you. Not necessary.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Commissioner Greene, in the interests of that conversation my problem with that is that we're not acknowledging Muslims, other countries, so I would prefer if we could, to just say internationally, but I would accept that too, if we could say internationally –

COMMISSIONER GREENE: I wasn't getting into ethnicity.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: We have a motion by Commissioner Cacari Stone, second by Commissioner Greene with a friendly amendment by both Commissioner Greene and myself to include the word international.

**The motion passed by unanimous [5-0] voice vote.**

[The County Clerk's Office provided the resolution numbers throughout the meeting.]

**4. Consent Agenda**

- A. Resolution No. 2025-016, a Resolution Requesting a Budget Increase to the Fire Operations Fund (244) in the Amount of \$1,710,735 (Finance Division/Yvonne S. Herrera and Public Safety Department/Jacob Black)**
- B. Request Acceptance of Grant #22-G3015 from the New Mexico Department of Finance and Administration for the Santa Fe Recovery Center Project in the Amount of \$1,550,000 (Finance Division/Yvonne S. Herrera)**
- C. Request Acceptance of Grant #23-H3198 Received from the New Mexico Department of Finance and Administration for the Santa Fe Recovery Center Project in the Amount of \$841,500 (Finance Division/Yvonne S. Herrera)**
- D. Resolution No. 2025-017, a Resolution Approving Grant SAP 24-I2454-GF for the Agua Fria Sewer System Improvement, and Designating an Official Representative, Alternate Official Representative, Designated Agent and Notice of Obligations Contact**

- E. **for Grant SAP 24-I2454-GF (Finance Division/Yvonne S. Herrera) Resolution No. 2025-018, a Resolution Accepting Grant Agreement #24-I3317 (Control #C5243317) for the La Cienega Transportation Study Project and Agreeing to the Terms of the Grant Agreement (Finance Division/Yvonne S. Herrera & Growth Management Department/Lisaida Archuleta)**
- F. **Resolution No. 2025-018, a Resolution Confirming and Ratifying the County Manager's Signature Approving Grant 24-I4215-GFR for the Romero Park Waterline Project and Designating an Official Representative, Designated Agent and Notice of Obligations Contact for Such Grant (Finance Division/Yvonne S. Herrera)**
- G. **Request (1) Approval of Amendment No. 4 to Agreement No. 2022-0067-CSD Between Santa Fe County and FireStik Studios for the County Public Awareness Campaigns, Extending the Term and Increasing the Compensation by \$70,000 for a Total Contract Sum of \$280,000, Inclusive of NM GRT; and (2) Delegation of Authority to the County Manager to Sign the Purchase Order(s) (Community Services Department/Chanelle Delgado and Purchasing Division/Bill Taylor)**
- H. **Request Delegation of Authority to the County Manager to Sign the Purchase Order with Ben E. Keith Foods Increasing the Amount by \$250,000, for a Total Amount of \$516,065.37, Inclusive of NM GRT, Utilizing Statewide Price Agreement No. 20-00000-22-00043 (Community Services Department/Lora Dominguez and Purchasing Division/Bill Taylor)**
- I. **Resolution No. 2025-020, a Resolution Authorizing the County Manager to Complete and Submit a Local DWI Grant Program Applications and Related Documents and Agreements (Community Services Department/LeAnne Rodriguez)**

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: On to our Consent Agenda. Is there anything that anyone would like pulled from the Consent Agenda? Not hearing any –

COMMISSIONER GREENE: I make a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Second.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: We have a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented by Commissioner Greene, a second by Commissioner Hughes.

**The motion passed by unanimous [5-0] voice vote.**

- 5. **Appointments/Reappointments** - None were brought forward
- 6. **Miscellaneous Action Items**
  - A. **Request (1) Approval to Purchase 100 Kenwood Portable and 146 Mobile Radios with Code 3 in the Amount of \$1,520,284.77, Inclusive of NM GRT; and (2) Delegation of Authority to the County Manager to Sign the Purchase Order(s)**

BILL TAYLOR (Purchasing Director): Good afternoon, Madam Chair, Commissioners. We're before the Board to request approval for the purchase of mobile radio, 11 Kenwood portable and 146 mobile radios through the Code 3 purchasing unit utilizing the statewide price agreement in the amount of \$1,520,284, inclusive of tax.

In February of 2017 the County partnered in contract with Federal Engineering. The purpose or the goal of this partnership is to establish an advanced and reliable communication system within the public safety community. Through the report, it was vetted through the County decision making goals, the result of which was to convert to the digital trunk radio system, DTRS.

There are numerous advantages and benefits to this system – interoperability between forces, enhanced coverages. So with that and the report from Federal Engineering to the Board and to the County we will stand for any questions regarding this request.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Do we have any questions for Mr. Taylor or Sheriff Johnson? We've been waiting for this one. I think there are a lot of people who are anxious to be able to know exactly where a call is being taken from and how it's going to be get there, etc. And I don't know the nuances but I do know that calling 911 and getting to the wrong place is pretty easy, and I understand that this is going to help with that. So thank you for bringing this forward. Anything else you'd like to share? Or could we have a motion to approve? Yes, sir.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: I'll make the motion in a second, but just a clarification. Is this part of the statewide radios? Or is this a separate radio?

MR. TAYLOR: Chair Bustamante, Commissioner Greene, yes, it is.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: It is. Wonderful. Thank you. Okay, and with that I will make a motion to approve item 6. A. request approval to buy 100 Kenwood portable and 146 mobile radios with Code 3 in the amount of \$1,520,284.77 and to Delegate authority to the County Manager to sign the purchase orders.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Is there a second?

COMMISSIONER CACARI STONE: I second that motion.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: A motion made by Commissioner Greene, a second by Commissioner Cacari Stone.

**The motion passed by unanimous [5-0] voice vote.**

6. B. **Resolution No. 2025-021, a Resolution Approving the Application to the City of Santa Fe Affordable Housing Trust Fund for Grant Funds to Support the Construction of Nueva Acequia 4 and Nueva Acequia 9 Affordable Housing Projects and Granting the County Manager or Designee Authority to Sign Documents Necessary for the Submittal of the Application**

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Thank you, Paul Olafson.

PAUL OLAFSON (Community Development Director): Madam Chair, Commissioners, I'm here before you today asking for approval of a resolution that would direct staff to apply for funding for the Nueva Acequia 4 and 9 projects and that request would go on to the City of Santa Fe's affordable housing trust fund. The request would

be up to \$3 million, which I think is the most that they have. And also directing or granting the County Manager signatory authority on all documents. This grant program is open now. It closes on Friday. So we're kind of in a tight position right now. And with that I would stand for any questions.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Do we have any questions? Commissioner Hughes.

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: I'd like to make a motion to approve item 6. B.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: And I'll second and just make a comment in discussion if I may.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Okay, we have a motion to approve by Commissioner Hughes, a second by Commissioner Greene, with comment from Commissioner Greene. Is there any further discussion after that?

COMMISSIONER GREENE: So I just want to acknowledge that I think it's great that we're working with the City to leverage the funds, both our funds and the fact that this project is within the limits of the city and that they are potentially going to hopefully grant us a little bit of money. A good chunk of money to help us with this project. So this is wonderful. Thank you for finding that source right under our own noses. So great job.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: We have our motion. We have our second.

**The motion passed by unanimous [5-0] voice vote.**

6. C. **Resolution No. 2025-022, a Resolution Approving the Award of Grant Match Funds for the Proposed Plateau Telecommunications Inc. Broadband Project to Support the Expansion of Broadband Service to County Residents and Granting the County Manager or Designee Authority to Sign Any and All Documents Necessary for the Grant Award**

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: We'll be hearing from Mr. Juan Torres. Thank you.

JUAN TORRES (Economic Development): Madam Chair and Commissioners, so the purpose of this memo is to provide an overview of the evaluation and selection of broadband access and deployment project proposals that request funding, matching funds, from Santa Fe County's notice of funding opportunity BEAD matching fund program. The selected project proposal will expand broadband access for underserved areas within Santa Fe County, especially with those with speeds ranging from 25 megabits/3 megabits download. Exhibits include detailed information on the application, criteria, and scoring of project proposals, along with the corresponding subject resolution. And I'll be speaking to both proposals in terms of the process, both this one and the next resolution.

So on December 9, 2024, staff provided the Board of County Commissioners a presentation regarding the New Mexico Office of Broadband Access & Expansion NOFO, Notice of Funding Opportunities for the federal BEAD program, funded by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act of 2021, which allocated \$675 million in federal funding to New Mexico through state-issued grants for broadband infrastructure across

the state.

The BEAD program aims to get all Americans online by funding partnerships between states or territories, communities, and stakeholders to build infrastructure where it is needed and to increase adoption of high-speed internet. BEAD prioritizes unserved areas with no internet access and underserved areas, those receiving speeds below 25 megabits per second.

The presentation that we have here includes framework for consideration of a Santa Fe County BEAD match program to evaluate and rank project proposals that requested funding match for BEAD applications. The areas required a matching share of up to 25 percent as per the BEAD program requirements. In contrast, projects that are in high cost areas do not require a match. That's a little bit of a deviation from what was in the original memo. It was clarified today through conversations with the Office of Broadband Adoption.

So all BEAD applications require a match except for the ones that are contained in the so-called extremely high cost area, which is primarily in the southern third of the county.

The Board authorized the release of the Santa Fe County BEAD match NOFO, allowing eligible and pre-qualified applicants/entities planning to apply for BEAD funded projects within the County to seek project match assistance from the County. Up to \$5 million was allocated for these activities, or at least identified.

A little bit about the proposal application and review. So in response to the program Notice of Funding Opportunities, the County received five applications with a total match request of \$39,590,625. Projects were reviewed based on the following criteria in sections VI and VII of the NOFO: project type, technology plan, 100 percent coverage application or alternative percentage application, cost-effective budget, inclusion of underserved and eligible community anchor institutions, inclusion of county critical infrastructure, project area unit demographic information, other criteria established by the County and agreed upon by the applicant.

The applicant whose qualified project, as determined by the application submitted and approved for funding to OBAE is deemed most advantageous to the County taking into consideration the evaluation factors above may be recommended for an award. However, please note that a deficiency in response to any one factor may be grounds for rejection, regardless of the overall score. This was included in the sense of expediency. We're trying to evaluate applications in the period of time where OBAE is opening up the application window, so we don't have a lot of flexibility for going back and forth on questions, although we did attempt to get some questions addressed.

And I'll just move to the presentation at this point. So we had five applications. Two of those applications were deemed insufficient in the response. And by the way all the criteria that we established is aligned with what OBAR will be evaluating the application on, so we've essentially tried to figure out which applications have the highest ability to get funded. Out of those five, two were eliminated because of insufficient – or the criteria was not met. One of the three remaining – La Cañada Wireless Association, did not meet the 100 percent coverage area and so that was going to be a default on their application and we took them out of consideration.

So that left Plateau Telecommunications and TruNet Internet Services.

So the initial review found the application – I'm not going to go through the ones that were not necessarily picked, so I'll go right to the ones that met the criteria. So as I

mentioned, the three that were the highest, and then this is a map that shows the entire county's project area units as identified by the Office of Broadband Adoption. They identified project area unit 204 as being one of particular advantage to the County.

This is Plateau that I'm referring to here, so Plateau Telecommunications, they submitted an application for \$57 million of BEAD funding to the Office of Broadband, and I say submitted. They will submit. They pre-submitted their application and that was reviewed. The project covers three project area units, Santa Fe 204, 205 and 206 and it's illustrated on the map. 204, 205 and there's 206. Plateau Telecommunications requested a match of \$14.2 million from the County and after reviewing the application and the project area units and the substantial telecommunications expansion based on the funding available, staff recommends a \$4.5 million match for their request.

It's important to note that while we're considering a resolution that would allow us to budget those funds if approved by this body, we would still go through a few processes which would be a project participation agreement, where we lay out all the terms and conditions that is signed by the company, and then we would bring that back to this body. So this approval of the resolution would allow us to budget the funds and to determine what the project participation agreement should look like. But it would be finally approved by this body if you approve this resolution.

So anticipated steps: Assuming that this is approved by this body, the applicants would submit their funding applications to the Office of Broadband Adoption before March 3<sup>rd</sup>. Those would be reviewed and assuming that the application is approved by the Office of Broadband Adoption, the County will draft a project participation agreement for the matched funds disbursement, including terms, conditions and timeframes. Once the BEAD funding is awarded to the company requesting the match staff will present a budget adjustment request. The project participation agreement and a resolution supporting the match request for the future BCC meeting.

I stand for questions at this point on this project but either project. I'll go into the details on TruNet as well.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Thank you, Mr. Torres. Does anyone have any questions? Commissioner Hughes.

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Yes. Was any consideration given to a wireless aspect as opposed to hard wire, because it looks – I looked at LCWA. It looks a lot cheaper even though it didn't cover the whole area. But was there a consideration of what it would cost to propose the whole area just wirelessly?

MR. TORRES: Well, within the context of the BEAD program, the primary reason for the program is to extend fiber-optic telecommunications. Second, there are considerations for hybrid, which is a fiber fixed solution, but a totally fixed application would not necessarily pass muster for the BEAD program on funding.

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: And why is that?

MR. TORRES: Commissioner Hughes and Chair, it's the determination of the National Telecommunications Infrastructure Administration that determined what the criteria is for the BEAD program, so we're following the federal regulations for how they will evaluate different projects.

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Okay. Is the hard wire generally faster speeds?

MR. TORRES: Yes, Commission, but it's not practical in all places. There's almost always some place you have to get some sort of broadband fiber from to

do a fixed internet. In the case of TruNet, which I'll go into the details in a moment, they are proposing a hybrid system, which doesn't eliminate them. It changes the scoring criteria somewhat.

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Yes. Okay. Another question. You mentioned the required match, but not for the southern third of the county. So do they have a prospect of getting a waiver for the \$10 million, given your discussion with the office?

MR. TORRES: I'm sorry. I don't understand the question.

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: So we're required to match \$14 million, right?

MR. TORRES: That's 25 percent of the project proposed by Plateau. Yes.

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Yes, but we're only giving four to five million.

MR. TORRES: Right. So the match is on the company. We propose the match from our end to try to assist the company. Leading up to this conversation we discussed this with the company. They would still move forward. So it's our understanding that with the additional help of this matching funds from the County, Plateau would move forward with an application in this area, which would mean that they would have to cover the balance of the match or receive a match waiver which we would also support from OBEA.

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Yes. And I'm asking do they have a chance of getting the waiver?

MR. TORRES: Commissioner, it's very difficult to discern because there are quite a number of factors that go into each aspect of the scoring as well as the waiver. What Plateau does have is that it's an established telecommunications company with a number of different federal projects under its belt so it has a history of performing, and a match waiver, when we would work on a support document would identify why we would feel that that should warrant a waiver. So I think we can address – make it more clear in that document, but I don't really have a sense of what the basis for the match – whether they're going to get the waiver or not.

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Okay. But we expect them to make the match then.

MR. TORRES: Correct. We expect them to fulfill their obligations under the program and balance out the rest of the match required by the federal government.

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Okay. Thank you.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Thank you. Other questions? Commissioner Johnson.

COMMISSIONER JOHNSON: Thank you, Mr. Torres. And I may have the entities a little mixed up, but can you explain why the New Mexico Office of Broadband Access and Expansion priorities fiber projects?

MR. TORRES: It goes to NTIA, the National Telecommunications Infrastructure Administration and that was a determination that they made for making the biggest leap in broadband across the country is to finance fiber-optics. Over the last ten or fifteen years there's been a number of programs. BTOP was one of them, Broadband Technology Opportunity Program, and those programs took into account different hybrid models and it was deemed, I assume, that it didn't really move the needle if you will on long-term fiber-optic connections.



COMMISSIONER JOHNSON: Do you know the lifetime of a fiber-optic line?

MR. TORRES: The fiber itself I think has a useful life of 20 years. I'm not a technical expert on it. The equipment would range between seven and ten years, depending on what the depreciation value is.

COMMISSIONER JOHNSON: Thank you. And understanding that you're not an expert, do we have – and recognizing that there is some reliability issues with wireless or satellite service, do we have a sense of the speed of the growth and advancement of those technologies, of wireless hub-type antenna-based services and satellite internet services and how that might compare to fiber.

MR. TORRES: So that has been increasing over the last five or ten years and even different technologies that haven't really been fleshed out. For instance TV White Space is another technology that's been discussed. At the end of the day there's going to be a need for a source of fiber for solid broadband connections somewhere. This is a middle-mile project. That's what we're discussing and so the build-out of the middle-mile as a solid fiber connection is a very significant infrastructure piece that makes sense.

COMMISSIONER JOHNSON: So maybe you could help us understand that a little better. If you don't mind going back to the – let's say the Eldorado map, which crossed Commissioner Hughes' and my district. Commissioner Bustamente's district. So at the end, so at the bottom left, or on the map, let's take Galisteo. The idea is to put a middle-mile into some site and then individual houses connect to it? I think I'm a little confused about it because the way that it's put on the table there's a cost of \$4,000 per household or per location. So how do those sort of plug into it?

MR. TORRES: So this is an internet service provider program, and it seeks to build out their network. So whomever is afforded an award will be building out their existing networks with the idea that that additional middle-mile infrastructure would cover the maximum amount of unserved and underserved areas within each project area unit. So they have to start from where they provide service and build out from there. Or they can partner with other entities and build out a completely new infrastructure.

But it's based on the existing infrastructure for the internet service providers and building that out.

COMMISSIONER JOHNSON: But do they – I guess my question is, do they build – like take a random dot. Do they build lines out to that dot? Or is it more centralized?

MR. TORRES: Commissioner and Commissioners, so that is the middle-mile project which means that they will pass a number of areas, and a last mile service provider would build out from that network. And it could be the same entity or it could be other entities.

COMMISSIONER JOHNSON: And so, just to sort of go over your back and forth with Commissioner Hughes, if the waiver for the ten-ish million dollars is not granted, Plateau does intend to continue with this project or it's sort of dead in the water.

MANAGER SHAFFER: Madam Chair, if I could, and Commissioner, I just want to jump in and I hesitate to do this, but as I read Plateau's letter of acceptance, it's contingent upon the waiver. And so if the waiver is not granted – now, they could change their mind but what they've stated in writing to the Board and to Economic Development is that it's not cost-effective for them to go forward with the project if they're required to come up with \$10 million. They could change their mind but as it

stands today that's what I've read, what they've submitted as part of their packet. And so if the waiver doesn't happen the project doesn't happen. The County has no commitment to provide any funding.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Thank you for that clarification. Does that help, Commissioner Johnson?

COMMISSIONER JOHNSON: Yes. I guess I'm wondering – yes, that does help. It helps to understand sort of the cost of this sort of project.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Thank you. Any other questions?

COMMISSIONER JOHNSON: I think I'm done for now but I think Commissioner Greene has some so may follow up.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Commissioner Greene.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Thank you very much. Just to verify – this is a middle-mile project or this is a last-mile project. I thought BEAD money was for last-mile fiber to the home, or internet to the home.

MR. TORRES: They're building out the backbone. So in the case of the areas that are unserved they would be providing within 1000 feet of those areas from the build-out. But they're primarily – you're correct, Commissioner. This is a last-mile project but the mechanisms that they've built into it are all the same middle-mile considerations that they've put in. They have to be – so back to your question and I think the question is about the commitment for the funding. If the project application doesn't go forward, that's the end of that. If the waiver doesn't go forward that's the end of that. If they score less than – they're competing with other projects or if they get an award significantly less than what they process it may be the end of that.

So in the case of Plateau, we've discussed some last-mile things, they didn't feel very comfortable that they can – part of the problem requires 100 percent coverage within I think a year or the final build-out. So they have to be able to meet that commitment across the board, and then they can feel like they could meet that commitment for the last mile service.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Great. I want to commend you for moving on these things. The Broadband Working Group and getting Motiva and our consultant on board, this is a great first step, or probably fifth step, actually, but somewhere in here. And so this is a big lift. There's all of these little red dots that are on this map are people that can't get internet. And so you hear it from all your constituents. This is mostly 3, 4, and 5. In the Glorieta area there's some severe underservice over there. In parts of District 3 there are some areas as well in here. I think District 4 is pretty well served, or District 5 is pretty well served but there still some gaps in there and between the project in District 3 and the project in District 4 is District 5. So you get the benefits of having fiber running by you over there and serving this.

If there's nothing else I'll move this along.

COMMISSIONER JOHNSON: One last question.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Commissioner Johnson.

COMMISSIONER JOHNSON: Thank you, Chair. So, and again, I'm certainly no expert on this, but if this has a middle-mile, if there's the building of a trunk line that's middle-mile, could another service provider who offers wireless service that reaches into the rough terrain areas that we see in this part of eastern Santa Fe County come in and sort of in tandem with Plateau provide internet service through a contract with them? Are there potentials to build this out through wireless in addition is my

question.

MR. TORRES: Commissioner and Commissioners, yes. They can enter into agreements to utilize their infrastructure to expand the broadband through technologies that are not currently fund by this grant. So, yes.

COMMISSIONER JOHNSON: It's the base infrastructure that we are talking about today. Thank you.

MR. TORRES: That's correct. And just so you know, a lot of the aspects of the cost in most of Santa Fe County are mostly related to terrain and the difficulty of being able to construct. We had meetings with Plateau for quite a bit going through a lot of the technical issues that they were not very interested in applying to begin with. So it took a little bit of work to kind of get them to understand, and that's why the disparity. You'll see some are 40,000 per limited number of area residents of connections. I think we are as a state the second most expensive broadband per resident cost behind Alaska.

So I'd like to just talk a little bit about TruNet since I've already –

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: We're going to go ahead and take a vote on this. I want to commend you on this effort. This is a bit lift on kind of reining in a big picture and helping explain what it's really going to take for people who have not been able to be adequately served. So thank you. If there is no further I'd like to entertain a motion to approve item C.

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: I'll make a motion to approve with a slight modification. I would like to add the words "matched funding from the economic development fund" first, so that it's specified in the resolution. That gives us more flexibility in the other funds and so I want to make that clear. Because we have several projects moving forward toward other funding that we want to use and I want this funding to come from the economic development fund.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Thank you, Commissioner Hughes. There seems to be a comment from the Manager.

MANAGER SHAFFER: Thank you. I just wanted to make clear, in terms of potential sources of funds there is the economic development fund which currently has uncommitted, unassigned balances of about \$4.422 million, and then separately there is the grant matching or grant capacity building budget set-aside that the Board established, which currently has about \$8.72 million and change in it. It's not necessary to make a funding decision today. There's obviously adequate resources to cover this. There are pros and cons to both ultimately. The grant matching fund was set aside for these sorts of moon shots and is general fund money but I believe the source of the money for the economic development fund was largely general fund as well.

So if we're going to express a preference, I would just want it to be clear that it would be the economic development fund, if that's the desire of the Board to do so, to the extent available, and then the grant matching budget set aside. But not necessary at this time but that's the pleasure of the Board. I hope that's clear.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Commissioner Hughes, does that change anything about your amendments?

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: I've had this discussion with the Manager several times. I'd like to decide it now because it gives us more flexibility later.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Thank you.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: And I'll second with a slight comment and maybe a friendly amendment if I could put it forward. If it's possible in an effort to give

further strength to the Plateau submission to OBEA, to encourage Plateau to have a deeply affordable program for at least 100 upload or sorry download, and 20 upload, sort of the minimum broadband program, and to make it as affordable as possible for our constituents. And then that affordability should go a long way to making this a much more attractive offer.

MR. TORRES: Commissioner Greene, just to point out, on the application Plateau is proposing 100 and 100 on both ends.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Whatever their minimum is to make it deeply affordable. That would be wonderful.

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Would you actually revise the resolution, or just that comment?

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Just that comment. I think they should do it in their proposal in an effort to do their best to win this.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Commissioner Hughes, do you accept that amendment?

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: I don't think it's an amendment, right?

COMMISSIONER GREENE: It's a comment.

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: It's a comment.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: It's a comment. So it's not necessary for a changing of motion. Do we have a second for that motion?

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Yes. That was my second.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Second by Commissioner Greene.

**The motion passed by unanimous [5-0] voice vote.**

6. D. **Resolution No. 2025-023, a Resolution Approving the Award of Grant Match Funds for the Proposed TruNet Internet Services, LLC Broadband Project to Support the Expansion of Broadband Service to County Residents and Granting the County Manager or Designee Authority to Sign Any and All Documents Necessary for the Grant Award**

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: I'm assuming the next is very much like the first, so thank you, Mr. Torres, item 6. D in our agenda.

MR. TORRES: Item D is the resolution proposing TruNet Internet Services. They have applied for \$12 million of aid funding in four areas: Espanola 168, Moriarty 149, 2, 3, and 4, and they requested a match of \$3 million.

After we reviewed the proposal, two of the areas are in the no-match required project area units, so we took those out of the mix and one of the areas where TruNet proposes a totally fixed wireless solution, so we didn't think that was going to move forward. So we focused on Espanola 168 and staff made a recommendation for a \$500,000 match to TruNet for that request. I'd stand for any questions on that.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Do we have any questions regarding the work with TruNet? Commissioner Greene.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Thank you for putting this together. Thank you, Madam Chair. Thank you, Juan. This is a corridor that is in my district that I know is very underserved and needs this. It includes the communities of Sombrillo, La Puebla,

Cundiyo and Chimayo. This is going to be amazing to get it into these communities. I think Cordova might be in this as well.

MR. TORRES: Yes, I think so.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: That's great. So one of the little bits of news that I was going to bring up from Matters from the Commission is that along this corridor, the 76 Corridor through the Santa Cruz Valley, was an old legacy piece of fiber that was through a bankruptcy became the property of the Jemez Electric Co-op, and they have just give REDI-Net the approval to light up that fiber. So that adds a backbone to this. It's a complicated piece of fiber. The ownership is a little complicated. It might be Jemez' fiber. It might be Santa Fe County's fiber and it might be Rio Arriba County's fiber. But nonetheless, it is fiber that is accessible to TruNet potentially to leverage off of. So I think that there's a great opportunity for this to be successful because the middle-mile of this project is already built out. So I'm very in support of this and I hope that if we need to, whatever it takes to get this done would be great. It will help with fiber to the home, fiber to the community institutions, as well as cell phone coverage and emergency communications. So thank you.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Commissioner Hughes.

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Yes, if you could just for a minute describe the hybrid aspect to this one. I'm just curious why is there hybrid here and not in the southern part of the county which also seems very difficult. Anything you know about it.

MR. TORRES: Sure Commissioner Hughes and Commissioners. So it's up the company that is submitting the application to propose their solution. So in this particular case I believe TruNet had proposed a solution that gets them pulling from I think Sandia Peak with fiber, and then blasting from there to that area. Again, when the evaluation of the project is done by OBEA it's very difficult to determine how they're going to look at that. If they're going to look at that as a positive or a negative or neutrally. So it could be that they could be out of the running based on what OBEA decides on the criteria. But that's the solution that they proposed and anyone was free to propose any similar type solution in the south of Santa Fe County.

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: What mountain are they on top of?

MR. TORRES: Sandia Peak.

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Sandia?

MR. TORRES: Yes. That's my understanding. The TruNet project will likely turn into a fixed wireless project utilizing backhaul from Sandia Peak and would not meet the fiber to the premise primary project requirements of BEAD.

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: You mean Sandia Peak down by Albuquerque?

MR. TORRES: I believe that's the Sandia Peak, and we do have – so our consultant, Motive Corporation, they're on line. If you want to – this is who provided us this information as we went through these questions. I don't have any more information but I think if we want to open it up to Motiva I think they're on line to answer technical questions.

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: No. That's all right. I think I'll wait and just see how it comes out.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Commissioner, if I could clarify.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Commissioner Greene.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: I think that probably these proposals were

built before the clarity of this fiber down the 76 Corridor was announced. And so they'll probably still need to do some fixed wireless for some of the valley and some of the tricky spots, but I think this could be a fiber to the home project pretty substantially.

MR. TORRES: And Madam Chair, I just point out that in the previous iteration of the resolution there was an error identified and it has been corrected in your current packet. So it's the correct –

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Thank you, Mr. Torres. I have to say something about TruNet. This is truly a local economic development storey. Jeff Atencio was an IT Tech who ran around Los Alamos National Lab helping us in the late 80s, early 90s. I didn't think about what a computer was at that time. And we didn't have internet. We had a thing called Gopher. And if you really go back that far this guy was plugging computers in and helping us go, and he opened this business with his family and worked very closely with the Regional Development Corporation. I believe they started somewhere in the early 2000s in making TruNet happen, but this is truly a success of what local economic development and supporting small business and now something that's going to serve a lot more people than the IT kid who grew up. And now his boys are IT to Regional Development Corporation, etc.

But I'm just grateful for the support that has been given to the local small businesses and our opportunity to support them through this contract. Do we have a motion to approve?

COMMISSIONER GREENE: I will make the motion to approve item 6. D, a resolution approving the aware of grant match funds for the proposed TruNet Internet Services, LLC, broadband project to support the expansion of broadband services to county residents and granting the County Manager or designee authority to sign any and all documents necessary for the grant award.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Do we have a second?

COMMISSIONER JOHNSON: Second.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Second by Commissioner Johnson.

**The motion passed by unanimous [5-0] voice vote.**

**6. E. Resolution No. 2025-024, a Resolution to Submit Potential Transportation Projects to the Santa Fe Metropolitan Planning Organization for Inclusion in the 2025-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan**

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Brett Clavio, thank you for being with us today.

BRETT CLAVIO (Planning Manager): Good afternoon, Madam Chair, members of the Commission. This item is a resolution to submit potential transportation projects to the Santa Fe Metropolitan Planning Organization for inclusion on the 2025 to 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan.

On January 9<sup>th</sup> of last year, 2024, the BCC approved the 2024 Transportation Advisory Committee work plan which included item 9. C: making recommendations to the BCC on potential projects for consideration by the Santa Fe MPO. At its meeting on October 23<sup>rd</sup> of last year the Transportation Advisory Committee recommended a list of transportation projects for inclusion in the 2025-2050 SFMPO Metropolitan Transportation Plan, which is now presented for BCC approval through the subject

resolution.

Santa Fe was designated a Metropolitan Planning Organization in 1982 by the federal government when the population of the metropolitan area reached 50,000 population. The purpose of the MPO is to create a forum for transportation decision-making in the metropolitan planning areas. The Santa Fe MPO planning area covers approximately 25 percent of the county's land area, 80 percent of its population, and 90 percent of its employment.

The SFMPO updates its Metropolitan Transportation Plan every five years. Every jurisdiction within the MPO planning area is invited to submit projects to the MTP list, which is included as Exhibit C. The purpose of the plan is to present a detailed transportation project list that will guide federal funding and agency priorities. This updated plan will cover the period from 2025 to 2050.

Inclusion in the Metropolitan Transportation Plan project list establishes the project as potentially eligible for federal funding, leveraged through the MPO. It does not necessarily imply a local funding commitment until federal or state funds are secured. The projects recommended by the County's Transportation Advisory Committee for inclusion in the MTP projects list meet the MPO guidelines, which means that the projects are: a) regionally significant or a regional priority project; b) targeted for federal funding; c) if not regionally significant, at least targeted for public funding; and then lastly, within the SFMPO boundaries and proposed to be completed before 2050.

The 2025-2050 MTP project list, included as Exhibit B, presents many transportation projects that are regionally significant and targeted for federal funding, including state and federal funds. Most projects on the list originated from the Sustainable Growth Management Plan, the Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan or ICIP, recent capital outlays from the legislature, and open space and trail plans. The Transportation Advisory Committee recommended keeping the projects in the current MTP of 2020 to 2025 on the list. Additionally, the Transportation Advisory Committee recommends emphasizing the projects on the list that are shaded in pink on the spreadsheet, as those projects are responding to safety concerns and the committee wanted to prioritize safety projects.

Recommended action is staff's requesting the BCC approve the subject resolution to submit potential transportation projects to the MPO for inclusion in the 2025-2050 MTP. And with that I stand for questions.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Do we have any questions for Mr. Clavio?  
Commissioner Greene.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Thank you, Brett. Thank you, Madam Chair. So as I look at this, as I sit on the MPO I know one project that I've advocated for decades at this point. It doesn't appear on this and I know that it's a DOT project that I think should fit on this list and I'm wondering why it isn't on there. And that's specifically New Mexico 475/Hyde Park Road. Do you know why that isn't on here and is there – I'll make a motion to approve this but on the condition that that is included on this, because that is regionally significant. It aligns with our outdoor recreation priorities. It goes up to the ski basin. It's a road that goes right between districts 1 and 4, and I know that it's a major project that the DOT's been working on for years.

MR. CLAVIO: Thank you, Commissioner Greene, Chair Bustamante, Commissioners. As you notice in the Exhibit D the Santa Fe MPO area does include a portion of NM 475. It basically goes up to about the Little Tesuque Creek Trailhead area,

and we did include a trailhead improvement project in this list. However, the overall NM 475 Corridor, the County didn't make a recommendation as it is a state highway. So typically what we're asking for is County projects in this list. In some instances you'll see that it requires a partnership between the City and the County or between the County and the state, but to my recollection, Commissioner, NM 475 is on the MTP list. It's just not a County purported project. It's from the DOT.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Okay. I will check on that when we approve this at the next MPO meeting. Thank you for clarifying that.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Any other questions for Mr. Clavio? I have a question regarding those that might not be on this list as well and I'm assuming that if it is not an issue of fiscal constraint or whatever that the list would not be comprehensive at this time. Is this the list where we would see community-based engineering, informed safety projects. For example, we have discussed these straight-aways and need some type of traffic calming and we have a project out in the La Cienega area that's been on the list. Does this not address those types of issues?

MR. CLAVIO: Commissioner Bustamante, members of the Board, this list tries to really lasso all of those projects around the MPO area that we can get on to the list so that we could leverage state and federal funds. In some cases we already have an existing project that we want to put on the list. In other cases the project is still under development so it may not really be fully baked yet, in which case we can come back in five years and get it on the list. There's also dozens of other funding sources that we can pursue. So as soon as a project is more or less fleshed out and sort of vetted amongst our internal processes, then we can push it forward to this list.

And yes, to your point, we have met with the communities of La Cienega and La Cieneguilla and they feel very strongly about a roundabout on the frontage road there by Los Pinos Road, so we have included that on this list.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: What we have asked for from that community – or what the community has asked for of us is a community-wide plan, not just for Los Pinos but also Calle Debra. And that there would be a community-informed engineered plan. Do I understand that that in its entirety is funded and supported to move forward? This is now several years running and it's a project that prior to my being on the Commission as La Cienega Valley Association president became an issue of how to address those. So it was a comprehensive community plan for traffic calming, not just one particular intersection but to address all of those issues. Is that still moving forward comprehensively? It was on the ICIP.

MR. CLAVIO: Yes, Commissioner Bustamante, members of the Board. Earlier this afternoon we just proceeded to approve a new grant agreement with New Mexico DOT. So the New Mexico DOT is giving us \$50,000 to do that study. The Planning Department has also saved \$60,000 for that. So we have \$110,000. We are in the process of soliciting an on-call engineer within the next couple years. It is moving forward.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Thank you, Mr. Clavio. Do we have anything else? If not I would take a motion. Commissioner Greene.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Thank you, Madam Chair. Just a point of clarification. I've seen on different road improvement lists New Mexico 592, which is in the MPO area. Is that another state project that wouldn't be us? Or – I think that's a County road, so isn't that – there's a bike lane project up there. There's some widening



work that has been proposed up there. Is there a reason that that doesn't show up on this?

MR. CLAVIO: Commissioner Greene. Chair Bustamante, yes. NM 592 is a state highway, so again, we're trying to not step on their toes and tell them what to do, but, yes, it's a state highway.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Wouldn't adding it, at least from our point of view, add some oomph to us showing that we want this to happen, even if the state decides that maybe they don't believe that we want it.

MR. CLAVIO: I think it's fair to bring it up at the Metropolitan Planning Board meeting, to add that at the policy level, at a policy committee.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Okay. I will do that again for that one, but I would love to have that included in this list so that I would feel that the whole Board was approving that.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Do we have a motion to approve?

COMMISSIONER GREENE: I will make a motion to approve this with the addition of NM 592 added to the list.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Do we have a second?

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Is Brad okay with adding 592 to the list?

MR. CLAVIO: Commissioner Hughes, members of the committee, I'm absolutely fine with it. Ultimately, this is the wish of our board to submit projects to the MPO. Once it gets to the MPO it's in another arena, so at the MPO level they'll again re-prioritize this list. No harm in asking, so I'm perfectly fine with it.

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Then I'll second the motion.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: We have a motion by Commissioner Greene, a second by Commissioner Hughes.

**The motion passed by unanimous [5-0] voice vote.**

[The Commission recessed from 3:32 to 3:48.]

## **8. Matters of Public Concern**

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Is there anyone in the chambers who would like to speak during the public hearing? Anyone online?

DANIEL FRESQUEZ (Media Specialist): Chair Bustamante, we do have Chris Mechels.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Thank you. Go ahead. Mr. Mechels, you have three minutes.

CHRIS MECHELS (via Webex): Madam Chair members of the Commission, as you probably know I've been frustrated with these meetings. Part of my frustration is that it seems that you don't take your oath of office – I'm getting a lot of sound back at me. What's going on? My comments are showing up in my headset. That's better.

My concern is that you don't seem to realize that you're sworn to the constitution and the laws of the State of New Mexico, which is very important but it seems like you don't really believe it. What happens is as soon as you complete your oath it seems like at the very next meeting you begin violating your laws and the laws I have raised with you repeatedly is the laws continue to be violated. IPRA continues to be violated. Your

Sunshine Resolution gets violated. You budget statutes get violated. I'd remind you, these are laws.

You swore an oath to be responsible to those laws. And my concern furthermore is that if the County Counsel is not responsible to the laws there's no place to go. Yet the County Manager or the Attorney violates the laws. They're your employees. So if you allow the laws to be violated and they violated them, what is the public to do? So I call upon you, please take your oath seriously. You're responsible to these laws. You should be prosecuted but nobody will prosecute you because you're actually in violation of the law and you are directly responsible for the law, more than they are.

A law in particular that's a problem right now is I had an IPRA request – I put a records request in since November which I can't seem to get records on and it concerns records from the vote. I just simply asked to see the presiding judge's materials and I've been promised those in November and I've yet to get them. This is, as far as I can tell this is a direct continuing violation of IPRA. You are directly responsible for IPRA and you just don't seem to care.

Now I don't understand you. I just really don't understand you. I don't understand why you have no respect for the laws which you are sworn to. If those laws mean nothing then perhaps you should tell us that and stop just ignoring the law. So please, take a look at this current IPRA violation and take some action. Do your duty. Meet your responsibilities. Thank you.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Thank you. Anyone else?

MR. FRESQUEZ: Chair Bustamante, there are no more users on line.

7. **Presentations**

**A. Presentation on Cañada de Los Alamos Preliminary Application, Santa Fe County Water Policy Advisory Committee (WPAC) Report, and County Utility Division Staff Report and Supplemental Information in Accordance with Resolution No. 2015-121**

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Thank you, Mr. Soderquist.

TRAVIS SODERQUIST (Deputy Utility Director): I am here to present on Cañada de los Alamos's preliminary application to become a wholesale water customer from Santa Fe County. In this presentation we are going to have their preliminary application, the Water Policy Advisory Committee's report on that application, the County Utility Division's staff report on that application, as well as some supplemental information and the request for direction from staff in accordance to Resolution 2015-121, which that resolution pertains to County water and wastewater services.

So the background for Cañada de los Alamos going through with this application is because they have a mutual domestic that's fed by groundwater wells and those groundwater wells have either gone dry or have been contaminated to the point that they're no longer usable or feasible to rely upon. And so they have been pursuing funding to research different methods about remediating their water supply issues and one of those is getting grant money to drill a deeper well to try to reach the groundwater, but that proved unsuccessful, and that well produced water at one gallon per minute.

So then they started researching other avenues to go down which included trucking potable water up to their storage tank and then distributing it out to the

customers of the mutual domestic, but that's not a long-term solution so they're looking for a more feasible long-term solution which would be becoming a wholesale water customer of the County and part of that would require a large amount of infrastructure to be established to connect the County's current infrastructure with Cañada de los Alamos' current infrastructure as well.

And so some of the things that need to be taken into consideration is the entire scope of the project, WPAC's report regarding the project, and then the staff report and all that has to adhere to what Resolution 2015-121 lays out. At this time we are not asking, or we're not requesting an action from the Commission because the viability of the application depends on the BCC.

The viability of the application depends upon appropriating adequate funds to build the infrastructure necessary to provide wholesale water service to Cañada de los Alamos. And to County staff this resolution contemplates that budgetary decisions will be made as part of the County's normal budget process, which makes any action other than to deny the preliminary application premature.

So the process for the application is to first off submit a preliminary application to the County Manager for review and part of that application includes information that's related to their system, their customer base, their current rate structure, and then they would then have that reviewed by the WPCC, then the staff, and then it comes to the BCC, which is the step that we're on now. So in the first part, since they applied to be a wholesale customer, that would be relying on the County delivery of County water rights through County infrastructure to the mutual domestics water tank, where the mutual domestic would then take that water and distribute it out to the customers that are existing within their system.

And then this is where part of the staff report is going to come into play because it's going to be a further demand and strain on our water right portfolio, so we have to take that into consideration when going through these applications.

Next, if the County approves the application, the County and the owner of the community system need to negotiate agreements on whether there's going to be an acquisition wholesale water service agreement, so that would include the rates that we're going to set, the conditions on service, and if applicable a line extension agreement. And so since they are applying to be a wholesale those would be the applicable ones but in the future Cañada de los Alamos has expressed potential interest in becoming a retail customer and that would be the County taking over the entire system for the mutual domestic and further agreements would probably have to be implemented to take care of that.

The resolution also provides that if they are a wholesale customer all of the operation and maintenance downstream from the master meter that the water is delivered to would be the responsibility of the mutual domestic. So Cañada de los Alamos would be responsible for the storage tank and then all of the distribution to the end customers, and then the infrastructure leading to the master meter from the County side, so for this project it would be from the existing Rancho Viejo 1.5 million gallon tank, all the way up to Cañada de los Alamos's storage tank would be operated and maintained by the County staff.

So within this application process I've already alluded to this a little bit but there's two steps to it, so to put it simply, there's a preliminary application and if that gets approved by the Board of County Commissioners it proceeds to a final application. But

part of the preliminary application, like I said, goes to the County Manager to verify that all the required documents and information is prepared and presented, then goes to the WPAC for review, where they will give a recommendation, and then it goes to the staff for their review where they will write a report and then we present to you.

When it gets to the final application it will require some more comprehensive information for their financial and logistical details for their system, and so we'll probably want to include some preliminary negotiations on what the service agreements would be, just so that there's an idea of what the financial liabilities for the County would be and what the financial liabilities for the mutual domestic would be. They wouldn't be set in stone, because that would have to be approved through the BCC, but it would be nice to have at least a rough idea of what agreements we were working towards.

And then I'm going to read this verbatim from the resolution which I'm going to butcher this but it's Section 3, Subsection 4, Part B. That might not be the right nomenclature for that.

Unless extraordinary circumstances exist, preliminary applications shall be submitted to the Manager on or before November 15<sup>th</sup> for consideration during the next calendar year. The Manager and staff shall evaluate the preliminary application and present it to the BCC along with staff recommendations before March 1<sup>st</sup>, if possible. Any operational or capital funding associated with a given application shall be considered and budgeted, if approved, during the County's normal annual budgeting process, typically beginning in March of each year.

So that's important to kind of show that we're within the timeline and we're getting it to you guys prior to going through the budgeting process and making you aware of some of the considerations to take into account while you're also focusing on some of the other projects that the County is going to be undertaking.

So the WPAC report which was prepared and submitted went through the technical memorandum that was presented to them from Cañada de los Alamos which was generated from a PIR that Cañada de los Alamos hired a consultant to do with some of the grant funding that they acquired and the Cañada de los Alamos came and presented on September 5<sup>th</sup> to the WPAC, and then on October 2, 2024, the WPAC approved a report with its recommendations and the WPAC report recommended that an approval of the Cañada Association's application for bulk water service from Santa Fe County. WPAC further recommends that the County and Cañada Association proceed with a written memorandum of understanding, memorializing their mutual understandings regarding the project and proceed with the project without delay.

And that full WPAC report is one of the exhibits for this presentation and I think it's a good read to give you more details about what the WPAC took into consideration when they were looking into this project.

And so after the WPAC report there was a staff report written and in that staff report there was supplemental information to both the technical memorandum and the WPAC report that was presented through the exhibits today. I'll go through the staff report and clue in on some of the things that stuck out to me as potential concerns or considerations that need to be addressed prior to approving the project.

Currently, the mutual domestic has 24 existing service connections with the potential to double that. But the additional 24 service connections, it sounds like those will predominantly be ADUs on the existing service connections. So 48 customers for this phase of the project. The project is being designed in a way that if there is future

demand then we will have the infrastructure in place to facilitate delivery to the people that are interested in connecting to the system within the suspected delivery area. There's 592 dwelling units that could potentially be customers. At this time we don't know of any desire from those other dwelling units whether they want to become County customers or if they want to maintain their current water delivery system, which is primarily groundwater wells.

But if we do implement a phase 2 that's going to require additional upgrades to the infrastructure that would have been installed for the Phase 1 project which the Phase 1 is only for the Cañada de los Alamos Mutual Domestic and some of these upgrades would be to up-size the buildings, pumps and generators that are required to facilitate the delivery of this water.

So then I went into the cost estimates pulled from the preliminary engineering report that was provided by Molzen- Corbin to Cañada de los Alamos and the project cost ranges from \$11 million to \$12.2 million. So if you take the mid-range estimate of the project cost and figure out what it's going to cost per existing customer, that comes out to be \$480,000 per existing customer. That's obviously expensive.

In addition to that, the County would be on the hook for funding the construction, the operations and the maintenance for that system up to the storage tank for the mutual domestic. At this point we have not entered into any agreements or MOUs with Cañada de los Alamos so there hasn't been any negotiations on a rate structure for us to try to determine what the return on investment or what the actual operating costs would be, but with the cost of the project and the amount of customers within the service area for the first phase it would most likely have a significant increase to the rate structure that the existing customers might not be prepared for.

Another concern that staff had with this project is the water quality. So through the preliminary engineering report it's estimated that it's going to be a travel time of 12.9 days for the water to go from our treatment center out to the storage tank with Cañada de los Alamos. Now that does fall within some acceptable standards, but it's on the edge. And it's a major concern to the Utilities staff due to adhering to the regulatory requirements that we have, and also ensuring that we uphold public safety to the best of our ability.

The next concern is that Cañada de los Alamos is willing to explore the transfer of their existing groundwater rights to the County in order to cover the water rights or the fee in lieu of for a project like this. The potential issue that you could run into with this is with groundwater rights you need to prove a hydrologic connection to the OSE in order for them to approve the transfer of the water rights, and then in addition to getting it – to proving the hydrologic connection there's going to be the potential reductions to the volume of water that's available under that water right, depending on how connected the systems actually are.

Along with that, it's going to probably incur some more costs on the County, because we have to go through the process of responding to these protests and go to hearings. We're currently working through a transfer of a groundwater right where we're having to hire a third-party hydrogeologist to prove the hydrologic connection between two basins to actually get the transfer to go through. So there's a cost there through just having to hire people but there's also a cost of taking staff away from the current roles that they're doing to make sure that these water rights can be transferred.

In addition to that, the Utilities' practices have been to automatically shave off 50

percent of the volume of the groundwater rights that are brought by developers to the County just because of long-term viability and reliability of groundwater rights, and so we don't want to overextend ourselves on groundwater rights that we bring into our system through a transfer process. With all that being said, their current amount of water rights is 9.658 acre-feet, and if we have a reductions then there might not be enough water rights brought to the table to cover the amount needed to supply the mutual domestic. So they would have to either acquire additional water rights or pay a fee in lieu of for those water rights. And we all know how expensive the fee in lieu of is. But that would also put some strain on the County's water right portfolio.

I wanted to also bring up some current active Utilities projects or Utility adjacent projects that we have underway within the County right now, just to demonstrate the amount of money that we have tied up in current projects. I'm not going to go through all of them specifically but it is within the staff report. Millions and millions of dollars. The reason why I bring that up is because when we have a large capital project like this we need to take into account the current projects that we have going on as well. We're going into the capital planning months ahead of us and we need to just be away of all different aspects of it.

In addition to the active projects we have upcoming projects, the major one being the water reclamation facility which just had the \$10 million bond passed in November. We don't know exactly what the cost of the expansion of our wastewater reclamation facility is going to be but there's some speculation that it's going to be greater than \$10 million.

I also wanted to point out some of the active planning projects that the Utilities Department is undertaking right now. We are wrapping up the regional effluent management plan, the water utility master plan, and the Santa Fe Water 2100. All of these projects don't have money tied to it but they are also expected to produce potential projects for us to pursue in the future based on what's most economically beneficial to the County Utility system or serves the most customers in the quickest way possible.

So that's all the information that was included in the staff report and again, I encourage you to read that in its entirety to get the full picture. But in addition to the WPAC report and the staff report, the staff did want some information provided, or some guidance and these come from observations that we are kind of looking at going forward when we start seeing other applications like this in the future, because going through this it hasn't necessarily been the easiest process to navigate and reading through the resolution has had different interpretations by different people about what's actually the correct way to proceed.

So with the work plan that was approved last BCC meeting for the WPAC, one of the initiatives in that was to create a framework or like a guide to navigate this resolution because I do know that there are more applications coming and we're going to have to be addressing this again, and there's been some complaints as to how this preliminary application has been handled. And so we're going to try to address that through the WPAC and make sure that we do it efficiently next time.

Some of the observations that the staff had when it is related to projects like this, applications like this, is the standards by which to judge these applications. We don't know what a permissible cost per customer or required return on investment is. And it makes it difficult to be consistent and transparent when evaluating these applications.

And then the second one is there is a possibility that we consider alternative

solutions to this. So we know that the issues with Cañada de los Alamos are not going away. It is issues with the groundwater and it's contamination and groundwater levels and stuff like that. So the problem needs to be addressed, and if this project is too expensive or deemed not feasible or not approved, then another solution needs to be figured out.

And so just off the top of some of the staff's heads, one of the potential alternatives is a wholesale way of water delivery service. And so that's currently how Cañada de los Alamos is addressing their situation is having potable water trucked up to their system and then distributed out. But it's through a private party and it is cost prohibitive. So there could be an alternative solution where the County provides a more reasonably priced service that can meet the needs of that. Like I said, it's just a potential alternative.

So with this resolution it does require action from the BCC but at the beginning of the meeting I said that we're not looking for action yet, but some of the potential BCC action at a future meeting comes down to this paragraph from the resolution which BCC may approve, conditionally approve, or deny the preliminary application by resolution; require additional information or submission of supplemental reports; or take any other action regarding the preliminary application as it deems appropriate in its sole discretion. If the BCC approved the preliminary application the owners may submit final application in accordance with Section 6 and any other requirements imposed by the BCC. The approving resolution shall authorize any County expenditures as described in the WPAC report for the preparation of the final application. If BCC denies the application no further action will be taken subject to the owner's right to petition BCC at a later time.

And to wrap it up, as indicated, County staff believes that the preliminary application cannot be approved until the BCC considers the capital costs associated with the application as part of the normal budget process. And with that I'll stand for any questions.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Do we have any questions for Travis?  
Commissioner Johnson.

COMMISSIONER JOHNSON: Yes. Thank you, Travis. That was thorough and helpful and I do have a number of questions. I might break in the middle and let some other Commissioners take the floor.

Travis, you gave us a lot of information but I feel like the context of the well's failure is missing from this presentation. Do you mind just giving like a brief back-story on that? As far as you know.

MR. SODERQUIST: As far as I know, one of the wells, the groundwater levels have just dropped below the point at which is actually able to be pumped out, and then the other well has heavy metals introduced into it, and so the contaminant levels make it dangerous to drink.

COMMISSIONER JOHNSON: So those are wells for the mutual domestic that are circulated to 24 households, if I have that right. Are other wells in the area experiencing similar issues? Are those potential future customers for a project because their wells are also at risk of failure?

MR. SODERQUIST: As far as I know, I haven't heard of any complaints for other well owners.

COMMISSIONER JOHNSON: But one might presume, given the terrain of that region, and well failures even in my neck of the woods which is further to the west

of that. I think what would be helpful in making a decision in this sort of thing is to understand better the water tables in the region and to not just anecdotally but more systematically understand how many wells are failing and at what rate, and I know that sometimes that can be difficult for the County to obtain because people sort of solve it on their own and they're not metered and things like that. But I want to point out that in addition to – well, just the tank that stores water for my well went out earlier and it is a total nightmare to lose water for even half a day. It totally freaks you out.

So I want us to digest that information and also to commend Cañada de los Alamos for being extremely pro-active over the last couple of years, and as noted in the WPAC memo, have been very pro-active with encouragement from the County.

My next question has to do with the standards. You note that there are concerns about standards for how projects are vetted and how the sort of ratio of infrastructure costs to number of homes served is something that you would consider. Do you all in Public Works have a – are you actively developing those standards? Are there preliminary sort of working plans that you can give us a preview on?

MR. SODERQUIST: The one that I'm most familiar with is with the Pojoaque Basin Regional Water System and off the top of my head I believe it's 15 years for return on investment.

COMMISSIONER JOHNSON: Okay. Fifteen years for return on investment. How many households are served by that or how many delivery pipes are there?

MR. SODERQUIST: You're testing me. I want to say it's 1,700 customers.

COMMISSIONER JOHNSON: I won't make you do the math. I guess we'll have to do that on our own. So there's 24 customers for the mutual domestic now, potentially 48. But there is in the staff memo, this could be designed with a second phase to serve future connections estimated to be 592, 600 dwelling units. Where about is that? I took a look at the sort of region and I just – how did staff identify 592 dwelling units?

MR. SODERQUIST: So that actually came from the technical memorandum for Molzen-Corbin and they did a more stringent analysis than what the County did. And so it's just surrounding communities, either on the way to or just below Cañada de los Alamos, is the impression that I got from their report.

COMMISSIONER JOHNSON: Okay. So do you have an understanding – and you're much more of an expert than me as far as the technical engineering expertise goes. Why is the project cost so high? I look at other projects, also in rough terrain. I know they may not be as long, but these are – if you've visited Cañada in the last little while, you're driving into the foothills of the Sangre de Cristos and it also goes up and down into various terrains. But I guess I'm trying to grasp why it's \$12 million and not half of that.

MR. SODERQUIST: So included in the project is going to be two booster pump stations, eight or nine miles of pipe, and the pipe is being upsized, so that's one of the things that does not need to be upsized in the Phase 2 is the pipe size, and so it's more expensive because we are doing a larger pipe size. Then all of the pipe is either underneath a road or has to go under roads. And so there's going to be a lot of road cutting and replacement. We have to go under the interstate to get the water to Cañada de los Alamos and then we have to up the hilly roads to get all the way up to their storage tank.



COMMISSIONER JOHNSON: Is there any present application of above-ground pipes for water? I'll need to be – I have no idea. So I'm just wondering. It seems like –

MR. SODERQUIST: Not in this situation. I don't they considered that just based off the terrain.

COMMISSIONER JOHNSON: Okay. Maybe I'll just finish all my question and we'll see if people have others. I just have two more. You mentioned in the memo an alternative water delivery service. What's the frequency of water being delivered to Cañada de los Alamos's mutual domestic at this point in time?

MR. SODERQUIST: I don't know that off the top of my head.

COMMISSIONER JOHNSON: Can you give us – it's like a 50,000 gallon tank is what I believe serves the system. So do you have an estimate of how often that would need to be refilled?

MR. SODERQUIST: I'm trying to think. Typically you'd probably see – let's just throw a number out there for customers using about 5,000 gallons per day, or something like that. So you'd probably have to fill that tank at least once per week.

COMMISSIONER JOHNSON: Once a week.

MR. SODERQUIST: Sorry. Per month, 5,000 gallons per month.

COMMISSIONER JOHNSON: 5,000 gallons per month. Okay. So within a month you'd fill it sometime within two weeks to a month? Is that a rough estimate? We won't hold you to it. I'm just trying to get some idea.

MR. SODERQUIST: I think, for some reason there's something in my memory saying it was once per week that they were getting it filled.

COMMISSIONER JOHNSON: That they were getting deliveries.

MR. SODERQUIST: Yes. It could be every other week.

COMMISSIONER JOHNSON: So the issue that I see is that if there's no possible expansion to this under an alternative delivery plan, although you do propose something like that as their more fleshed out proposal. Delivering water daily, it might actually be much cheaper than \$12 million as it sort of pencils out or something like that. But I'm just trying to think about how realistic something like that is. So far in that thinking have you gone?

MR. SODERQUIST: We have only scratched the surface on that thinking. We haven't really done any of the analysis to what it would cost to purchase the tanker. You'd have to hire at least one FTE to be doing the driving. So we haven't really looked into the logistics of it but it's just thrown out there.

COMMISSIONER JOHNSON: Okay. It seems to me and why I'm asking this line of questioning is that the wells are in this region and expanding out towards the west affecting further, to my district and to District 1, making assumptions about the water table. But the water table's not going to rise. So we need as a County and as a service provider for residents to be able to plan for any number of sort of water futures. But all of them sort of look like what is happening at Cañada de los Alamos. So I'm wondering – I want to think about this as an opportunity to do that sort of futurist thinking within your team and to sort of understand what infrastructure requirements may be required in the future to help us make sure that people aren't without water. And that may not be pipes. It may be delivery, but it seems like this is a portent for a future scenario so we should absolutely be learning from the situation.

To me a waterline is consistent of our vision as a County of safe and reliable

drinking water and of converting groundwater to surface water supplies. This is mentioned by WPAC which supports the application. Cañada de los Alamos's groundwater rights are obviously incapable of supplying long-term water needs. It's poisoned, it's already low. So we need a solution and I just want to say that this – the work that the community has done in advance of this to prepare for it and not just sort of beg for help at the last minute is a model for other communities. And so I think that we should seriously consider their application, recognizing that there are many hurdles. Thanks, Travis.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Other questions? Commissioner Hughes.

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Thank you, and I just have a quick question. Maybe you don't have an answer, but I'm curious about the contamination of one well. You said the deeper well is contaminated? Is that right?

MR. SODERQUIST: I just know that one of the wells is contaminated.

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Okay. Does that well produce enough water?

MR. SODERQUIST: I don't know that off the top of my head.

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: And can you treat the water to drinkable standards if you put a fancy treatment system on it?

MR. SODERQUIST: Already another alternative, looking at that. I'm not sure if you can, based on what the contaminant is. I'd have to go back and read what they're seeing and what the levels are.

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: You said the contamination was heavy metals, right?

MR. SODERQUIST: Yes. I want to say it was cadmium, but I don't want to be quoted on that.

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: So that was naturally occurring in the water? It wasn't from a source, obviously – I mean nobody's septic system is producing that.

MR. SODERQUIST: No.

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Okay. Well, I think that's worth pursuing a little bit because the other's so expensive. Maybe it's not that expensive to treat the water.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Thank you, Commissioner. Other questions, comments? Commissioner Cacari Stone.

COMMISSIONER CACARI STONE: Thank you, Travis, for you and your team and all your work. I just want to reiterate some of what Commissioner Johnson is asking and underscore the importance of these alternative solutions for our traditional communities. There's got to be a way. It seems like in my assessment so far on the County Commission is that we're treating communities as case by case, and I know the Water Policy Advisory Committee is considering regional. But can there be more regional planning? This community obviously, 2015, put in an application, was asking for water. The wells have been dry since 2021, and they have been I would say in a crisis situation and it's commendable that they're very patient in thinking about potable water and water being transported.

But I just want to really underscore our commitment as a County to helping think through regional solutions to water supplies and safe water. Thank you.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Thank you. Anything else? Okay. Thank you

very much, Travis. We appreciate it. Thank you for all your good work with the WPAC.

**7. B. Presentation Concerning 4/8/40 Pilot Schedule for Patrol Deputies in the Santa Fe County Sheriff's Office**

CHARLES CONNOR (Public Safety): I'm the data analyst manage for the Santa Fe County Department of Public Safety Administrative Services Division here with the Sheriff.

ADAN MENDOZA (County Sheriff): We'd like to start with just a brief intro from the Manager in reference to this pilot program if that's okay.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Thank you.

MANAGER SHAFFER: Thank you, Sheriff, Chair, Commissioners. The County Manager's Office and the Sheriff's Office and Sheriff Mendoza and his team worked collaboratively to develop the 48/40 pilot schedule for our patrol deputies. It was meant to address the physical and mental wellbeing of those deputies who chose to opt in to the program and pilot schedule. It was also meant to help the County with regard to our recruitment and retention efforts in the incredibly competitive field of law enforcement.

In essence, what the pilot schedule allows is that for a regularly scheduled 10-hour day, and patrol deputies have four regularly scheduled 10-hour shifts, the deputies are allowed to use up to two hours of administrative leave per regular scheduled shift to engage in physical and mental wellbeing activities. Again, this is meant to address their physical and mental wellbeing and in recognition of the fact that they're often placed in stressful situations as well as required to sit for extended periods of time.

So throughout the development of this pilot program and the Sheriff, it was clear throughout that to be continued, the pilot program would have to work for everybody. It would have to work for the County as an employer. It would have to work for employees, and it would have to work for the community first and foremost that we're here to serve.

And so the policy contemplated that a variety of metrics would be – information would be gathered relative to those metrics and analyzed, and this is a first presentation of the data to date, relative to the 48/40 pilot schedule. Thank you, Chair and thank you, Commissioners. I'll turn it over to Chip and the Sheriff.

SHERIFF MENDOZA: Madam Chair, Commissioners, I would just like to say that giving a little history back on this pilot program, about a year ago I was approached by two of my recruiters in the training department and they came with this idea. They said, hey, Golden, Colorado started this pilot program. It's called the 48/40, and I think it will benefit our employees. I think it will bolster our recruitment and retention, and can you sit down with us for an hour so we can pitch this to you.

And I'll tell you, when they sat down and told me that we were going to provide the employees with a couple of hours of admin time to do physical activity and mental health and things like that, I was like, whoa. What an idea. And I just wasn't really sure whether I could buy into the program or whether the County would support it, but before they gave this presentation they told me, Sheriff, sit down. Please listen with an open mind. And I think as they pitched it and sold it over the first six months it was something that I understood more was important for our employees, was important for retention and recruitment for the agency, and I think what you'll see here as the first four months of this program, and I'll let the data speak for itself and I think what you'll see here is an increase in job satisfaction, an increase in productivity, and increase in retention and

recruitment, all the things that these recruiters told me that may happen and I think we're getting a little taste of it actually happening.

So I'm going to let Chip go over the data. He's the data expert and he helps me understand these charts because they can be a little complicated. But I'm here to answer any questions and just chime in to some of the good things that I think this pilot program has accomplished over the last four months. So with that I'll turn it over to Chip.

MR. CONNOR: Well, thank you, Sheriff. Spoiler alert: It seems to be going very, very well. I just wanted to walk through how we got to this data. And so we have a number of cohorts. Compared to Golden, Colorado, what happened in Santa Fe County represented as a natural experiment because we had individuals, deputies, who opted in and opted out. So we had essentially two groups. Of that we created a comparative group of 25 individuals. Those were individuals who were on the force previously, essentially one year prior to the implementation of the program.

That consisted of 25 individuals, our opt-in group. Forty-four individuals opt out. Six individuals – the study period kicked off October of 2024 and is planned to run through March 2025, assuming that everything goes well. A couple of additional things, our opt-out and comparative group consisted of 22 individuals. So you cut down that 44 to 22 people who were on the force previously, and then our opt-out plus comparative group were just three individuals. So something to take note.

So we'll start out. Anytime that you see all SFCSO, that's the entire Sheriff's Department. So these are looking at all calls for service. This is sourced from the RECC's CAD, the computer-aided dispatch. By trade, I'm a sequel developer so I'm able to connect to the database with a read-only access, and furnish these power BI reports. A lot of them are available live and refreshing if you decide you'd like a copy of these reports up to day yourself.

So starting out, and the formatting is going to be the same for all of the charts. You have your gold, which is the study period. So you can see kicking off in October of 24, and then we have the other years. The most important one to pay attention to is 2023. We do see a pretty significant increase in the number of calls. Part of that is attributed to the self-initiated calls. That's where an officer in the field takes it upon themselves to either close patrol an area, conduct a traffic stop – essentially to be a more active individual in the field, which was one of the components of this study is for the individuals to be more productive in the fewer hours that they're in the field.

So you can see the numbers are playing out there. Again, increased activity.

So now we're going to get into some of the grim side of this. According to a Christus St. Vincent community health profile, the leading causes of unintentional injury/death in Santa Fe County among the non-senior population are drug overdoses and motor vehicle crashes. Active, self-initiated activities by the Patrol Division are some of the most consequential enforcement methods to contribute to the safety of the general public. Once an individual has made the reckless decision to drive while intoxicated or in an aggressive manner with disregard for the welfare of their fellow New Mexican. So you can see here that you have an increase in active discoveries of DUI cases in the field. So these are all self-initiated activities that you can see. You do see some seasonality that exists around the end of the year but we do see an increase in stops.

You do see a decrease in January. Could that be because of moderated alcohol consumption at the beginning of the year, potentially, but again, individuals are in the field. Deputies are in the field, making sure that folks are following the law when it

comes to operating a vehicle safely.

So now we're going to look at all Santa Fe County motor vehicle accidents. This is all sub-types. This is fatal non-fatal accident, non-accident. And you can see that slowly, slowly, we are starting to eat away a little bit and lower the number of motor vehicle incidents. These are de-duplicated because often times multiple individuals will call the RECC for the same accident. So we would like to see this trend decreasing as well as the Sheriff's Department is more active in their enforcement in the field.

So now we get to close patrol. And so I think the Sheriff can touch on exactly what this is.

SHERIFF MENDOZA: Madam Chair, Commissioners, close patrol is basically a self-initiated call. So what a close patrol is is on patrol, deputies will go into the neighborhoods, the rural roadways and patrol either areas that have been burglarized or we see an increase in crime, but they're out there and they're calling this close patrol out to dispatch saying I'm here; I'm patrolling this area, and some of those close patrol areas are dictated by crime statistics and hot spots that we're dealing with. So what it is is a deputy out in the community, patrolling. They're self-initiating it. Nobody's calling them out there. They're out there doing pro-active patrols. So that's the definition of a close patrol in this instance.

MR. CONNOR: Thank you, Sheriff. So you can see that in October you have kind of reasonable, normalized activity and from that point on it is to the moon. The activity, the self-initiated activity of the officers is commendable and you can without question see that they are maintaining a more active presence in the field. Again, this is all Santa Fe County Sheriff's Office. This is irrespective of the different comparative opt-in, opt-out groups.

So now we're getting into just some of the different nature types. So this is on the demand side. So this is when an individual calls the 911 center, all of this is within Santa Fe County. The Sheriff's Office being the responding agency and you can see we do have, starting in January, a slight decrease in activity. Again, we would like to see that go to zero. If the Commission decides that in the future they'd like to see additional nature types presented here, we are happy to create custom versions of this reporting if you would like to see additional nature types for different County responses.

So now we're getting into the comparative group. So these are individuals who were on the force last year. And now we're getting into the behavioral science part of this. Is, with this new schedule, how did individuals behave? And you can see most importantly do to the self-initiated activity that there are substantial increases in the calls within the comparative group. So you can see, across the board, almost double in some cases, increased activity in the field.

And it's even more pronounced within the opt-in and comparative group. So if you look at either the 2022 or 2023 lines, compared to the gold bars, they are out there. These men and women on the force are out there self-initiating calls, whether it's traffic stop, whether it's close patrol, whether they see some kind of illicit activity in the field, they are there.

So now, again, we're at the opt-in and comparative group, we're talking about traffic stops now. Again, one of the most important things that you can do to save a life within the general public is to ensure that individuals are operating their motor vehicle in a safe and responsible manner, and you can see that increased activity across the board compared to all previous years, showing to the point that when individuals are – when the

officers are in the field, they are more active and pro-active.

SHERIFF MENDOZA: Madam Chair and Commissioners, in reference to traffic stops, and we're talking about pro-active patrols and productivity, you can see the increase in traffic stops over the last four months. And I think going back to say that we're hoping – the hope is or the theory is that the more pro-active we are then the less accidents there will be. The more we engage with the motoring public that we will deter DWI and/or arrest more people that are driving under the influence or intoxicated, and going back to the larceny and the crime slide, the more pro-active we are the more we're out on close patrols in the neighborhoods that hopefully, in theory, that these crime statistics start to drop because we're out there being more visible, more present, and more pro-active.

MR. CONNOR: Thank you, Sheriff. We do have the opt-out group. Keep in mind it is a substantially smaller group. We do see increases as well, but certainly not to the same extent that we do for the opt-in groups. And that's for traffic stops. Again, you can see in January, kind of normalized compared to the previous years.

So now we're getting into overtime, which the cost savings aspect was one of the parts of this. So at the top we have our opt-in group. We're looking at the hours. So this is the count of hours by paycheck of overtime for all of the opt-in individuals who are in the comparative group. So on the left, that is what you would call the pre-period. On the right of the bar chart you have the post-period. So just doing a little bit of napkin math, if you look at the top right-hand corner, if you look at the pre-period, the count of hours – so that's not money. That's just hours of overtime, compared to the right. You can see over a thousand hours of savings. So pretty substantial savings, a 53 percent decrease in the number of hours of overtime.

Opt-out groups, you don't see quite the significant decrease in the number of hours.

SHERIFF MENDOZA: Madam Chair, Commission, just on that slide, on the overtime, I think what's important to point out is that we realize that deputies were working a tremendous amount of overtime, and overtime is a couple of things. It's longer hours. It's more time away from your family, and we realized that that was really having an impact on our employees. People were moving to other agencies, specifically to Rio Rancho just to be an hour closer to their families, and it's all about the work-life balance. You hear that nationally, More employees are looking for more time at home, more balance with their life and their family.

And I think what you see here is that there's less overtime. We're still being productive. We're still out there keeping the community safe, but with less overtime work, which leads to less burn-out, less stress on our employees. So I think that's important to point out.

MR. CONNOR: So if you thought that the hour savings was impressive, we're going to look at the cost now. So almost \$70,000 in decreased costs in overtime for your opt-in group, just over this four-month period. The study that we had was so much more impactful than what Golden, Colorado did because we were able to separate out opt-in and opt-out groups, and you can see almost a 60 percent decrease in overtime costs. So that's another vehicle. That's hiring another officer. Just think of what an agency could do, multiply that over a year, five years, whatever it may be, and the savings that you come across is pretty spectacular.

And so one of the aspects that we wanted to study as well, this is looking at the

average response time. So this is from when the officer is dispatched by the Regional Emergency Communications Center to when they arrive on scene. And so this is looking at all Santa Fe County. The average seconds for priority one calls. These don't come in every day but these are typically a life and death situation where someone needs to be there as soon as possible. And you can see that in October it was slightly decreased. However, once we get to January and the Sheriff put out some additional guidance, it improved dramatically. So this is across the board, all groups.

SHERIFF MENDOZA: Sorry for interrupting. Just so I can put my two cents in here every once in a while. But going back to the response time, we notices, and I think this is a key too, to just keeping – to having Chip here and putting all these analytics together, when you look at the data you can see where to focus your attention. We noticed that during this trial period that this was one of the places that we needed improvement on. You can see where the bars are pretty close or even sometimes a little above some of the other years when it comes to response time.

And response time has a lot of different factors. It's how many employees are out on the streets, if they're out on calls for service at the time, where they're located geographically in reference to when the call comes in. There's a lot of different factors. But you can see on the first three months we saw room for improvement. We put out some direction. Told our employees, look. This is an area that we need to focus on, get to the call safely of course, but let's try to cut down the time of our priority one responses, and you can see that they responded accordingly in January and brought that time a little bit down.

MR. CONNOR: Absolutely. So having this data as well, allows the department to get feedback on a weekly, monthly, or even a daily basis, because the Sheriff and Sgt. McCarthy who is one of the training sergeants over there has access to this live dashboard so they can look at the metrics in real time that update daily. So again, that's all Santa Fe County for priority one. All calls, you do see improvement, but where you really see the difference is once we put out the – once the information was put out to improve response times in December, you can see that in January. It absolutely improved significantly, and I think that's something to be applauded. This is the opt-in group for priority one calls.

So once the message got out there that individuals needed to respond in a more timely manner and to be cognizant, not just that it was being recorded, but also that an individual's life could very well depend on how quickly somebody could get to the scene, improvements were made and they play out in the gold, right there. So that's the opt-in group for priority one.

For in general, you see some normalization for the calls but really, it's all about those priority one calls and getting an officer to a situation when it is life and death.

Opt-out group. It is a much smaller group. They don't respond to a priority one call every day, so we can just kind of go over this. You do see some improvements for all calls for the opt-out group. And again, especially in January, that message was taken to heart that individuals needed to ensure that they were getting to scenes in a much more timely fashion.

Now we're getting into some of the employee satisfaction surveys. We have, going from the top, October, November, December, this is an average of the score. I believe it was about eight or ten questions that opt-in individuals were provided and so you can see that the averages flowed over 8 ½, 8.5 for the most part. So individuals seem

to be very, very pleased with the program overall. Some additional notes. We do have the January results that just came in late yesterday, and we do see increased improvement and satisfaction through that as well.

We go through the employee satisfaction by shift, so you can see that the days are generally more pleased with that. Often times they might have had to kind of battle traffic previously, and they can adjust their schedule appropriately. So you can see the different satisfactions for the different months for the different shift types.

Moving on to the years of service, what kind of presents most are the individuals who have been with the force the longest seem to understand and appreciate the program most because they have a baseline of which to compare it to. Individuals who were on the force previously, who were not on the force previously, this was their first year, they don't have a lot to compare it to, but officers and deputies who were on the force more than five years really seem to respond well.

And then we have – this is just the counter responses by shift. Not super important but you can just see the engagement by different shifts. We do, as an ancillary point, we did also have some free key fields that we provided to the officers. We didn't feel that it was appropriate to include it here. There were kind of a mix of – not a mix of reactions. It was overall positive. There were even some individuals who claimed that this saved their marriage. That it allowed them to spend more time with their kids. I think one aspect that some individuals miss about it is the opportunity to earn overtime, but overall you can see that individuals and officers are very pleased with this program.

So we're getting into sick time. Most importantly, we're going to look at our opt-in group, and this is for the last three months for the various years, so that would be October through December of 23, October through December of 24, almost halved the use of sick time. So whether that was for a doctor's visit, whether that was for a mental health day, you can see that sick time is being used significantly less under this new program.

We're getting into some of the field metrics now, so this is the count of citations by month, by all patrol division. And you can see, starting in October, once this new program rolls out, exponentially more citations distributed. That means officers in the field ensuring that the motoring public is behaving appropriately, responsibly, operating their vehicle.

SHERIFF MENDOZA: If I can just go back to the employee satisfaction real quick. I know we passed that. But I think in essence, a satisfied employee is a happy employee is a more productive employee and stays here at Santa Fe County which is a great place to work. We're retaining them. We started off in 2024 with I think the high of 28 vacancies. It was devastating to us. We had a hard time making sure that we were covering all of Santa Fe County, that we were responding to calls and I think in conjunction with the salary increases that the County worked on with the union so hard this last year and this pilot program schedule, I think that had a severe impact on recruiting people. We're right now sitting on I think six vacancies for the Sheriff's Office and I'm thinking within the next couple of months we'll be fully staffed for one of the first times since I've been Sheriff actually. So it's very promising. But I just want to say that our employees seem to be enjoying this schedule and taking advantage of it and being pro-active.

MR. CONNOR: Absolutely. There's only a couple more slides so we're almost there. Okay. So we've got citations. This is the count of motor vehicle accidents



by month for patrols. So these are accidents where the deputy's involved in the collision. We do have in the next report that will come out, we do also include the at-fault. So not all of those ultimately end up the fault of the patrolling officer. But you can see, obviously they're in the field more, and you also have some poor weather that pops up in December. One thing to note is that in December of 2024, I have an amendment. Sorry, that's for the next one. Those numbers are accurate.

And then these are the number of workers' comp claims by month. There was only one that occurred in May 2024, so it's a very irregular occurrence.

Finally, we have the count of citizen complaints. Additionally we have in the future version that will come out, the sustained complaints that will come out. So that numbers that you see there are not ultimately gets sustained. I believe it's about half that.

And now we come to our workforce metrics. So these are – you could call the churn rates, the hire rates, whatever it is you want to call it. So we've got our hired, resigned, retired and terminated. And you can see that there's a substantial increase just prior to the implementation of the program in September of 2024. Four more officers came on, likely because they understood that the program was going to roll out and they would have increased quality of life. And beyond that you don't see decreased resignations. It's pretty standard, and I think you're just going to continue to see additional recruitments and hirings that continue through the new year with more data.

I think that's the last slide. I guess we can stand for questions if the Commissioners have any.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Are there any questions from the Commission?  
Commissioner Hughes.

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Yes. So you're pretty pleased with the program, right?

SHERIFF MENDOZA: I am, Madam Chair, Commissioner Hughes. I'm pleased with the results. The statistics kind of speak for themselves. I see a little bit of a different energy and a little bit of a different attitude with the deputies. They seem more energetic. I think this has energized them. I think they're spending more time with their family. I think they're spending more time on themselves, whether that be physically, emotionally, or mentally. And so I am pleased.

We're four months into it. This is a six-month pilot program. I'd like to see all the data compiled and then make a decision based on those numbers. Again, like the Manager stated, in order for us to resume with this schedule, I think it needs to work for the employees. It needs to work for Santa Fe County. And it needs to be beneficial to the community. And I'm seeing that right now, but again, we'll take another close look at the end of this program to see how we proceed.

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Yes, I've noticed a decrease in speeding on 285. That's where I drive in every day and I think your increased patrols have caused people to not maybe go 45, but at least come down to 50. So it's a little bit better.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Thank you. Commissioner Cacari Stone.

COMMISSIONER CACARI STONE: Thank you for your presentation and thank you for your foresight and leadership in looking at Golden, Colorado as a pilot and then piloting this. I just want to clarify for my own education. How many full-time law enforcement officers are within our county currently?

SHERIFF MENDOZA: Madam Chair and Commissioner Cacari Stone, right now we're slated for 94 sworn deputies. Six vacancies, if you do the math we have

about 88 sworn deputies. That doesn't mean there's 88 deputies out on the streets. We have different divisions. We have to take care of the courts. We have an investigations unit. We have civil process, so they're divvied up, but with this schedule and the recruitment and the retention we've been able to bolster our numbers up on patrol, which has really helped out as far as community safety and response.

COMMISSIONER CACARI STONE: So then he 48/40 pilot really is with almost half of them.

SHERIFF MENDOZA: Yes. That is correct. That would be encompassing – patrol is about half of the sworn deputies that are out there. Yes.

COMMISSIONER CACARI STONE: And if you had your wishes, or druthers, how would you roll this out in the next year, after a pilot, for full implementation?

SHERIFF MENDOZA: Well, again, we'd like to look at all the statistics when it comes to the end of the six months, and I think we have a good base. I think there's some things that we would like to maybe tweak a little bit and some of the information that we can take from this program and see whether or not we just proceed. Right now this is just for patrol officers, not necessarily, as I say 44, or the other deputies that are there which they're facing the same mental and physical challenges and stresses with the job. But we'll see where it takes us but so far, I'm impressed with the numbers and I think the employees are satisfied and happy with the way things are going, but that's a conversation to have at the end of the pilot program that we'll have with the County and with everybody to see how we move forward.

COMMISSIONER CACARI STONE: Thank you. And I think your productivity metrics, your performance metrics, are all impressive. I just want to make a case as a mental health/behavioral health provider in the past and a public health person, would you consider adding a survey or metrics around overall health, looking at sleep deprivation, obesity, climate conditions, depression, substance use, stable family life – other things, be them healthcare cost incurred. It be easy to do even a retroactive. This is where it was before. Of course confidential. Here's where I'm at now. Because I think that speaks more to the human side and it's less than anecdotal, but it gives you also some hard numbers.

SHERIFF MENDOZA: Madam Chair, Commissioner Cacari Stone, I think that's a great idea. I think with Chip's help here we can dive into some of those numbers and maybe use a survey that employees are comfortable answering, that they could help us understand how much more this is helping them, not just based on spending time with family but how it's helping them internally. I think that's a great point.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Thank you very much. Commissioner Greene.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Thank you, Madam Chair. Thank you, Sheriff. Thank you, Chip. Encouraging. It's tough to do apples and apples, because if you have more deputies there less overtime needed, so it's kind of tough to see if things really, actually add up that way. But it's encouraging, and if it is recruiting and retaining people, then it all makes sense. It doesn't matter – it does matter; I take that back. But it really matters in our recruitment and retention and the wellbeing of our officers.

So I guess this is a question for you as well as for the Manager, is does this pilot project have a hard end date? Or could this become sort of a rolling pilot that until we have definitive things that we can keep going until we decide to collectively say, okay. It's time to do this. Is there something that's triggering this? Is it a union deal? What

makes this a hard date?

SHERIFF MENDOZA: Not necessarily. We had determined at the start of this pilot program that it would be a six-month pilot program. At the end of the six months maybe we extend it another six months or another year to collect more data. That's possible. I don't know. That may be a question for the Manager to see how he feels about it, but we can continue collecting data and making sure that it's beneficial and we're seeing the results that we like and are beneficial to everybody. But there's a lot of different options when it comes to the end here in March, but not to say it cannot be extended and for what time. I guess that's a discussion that needs to be had.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: And then asking the folks that are in the opt-out whether they want to opt in. Right? Oh, man. I wish I'd made that decision. Or the people that have opted in and say would you go back to the old thing? And start to see where people want to be. Which cohort they want to be in. And maybe after the six months you sort of give – you swap things and you say, the guys that were in it before suddenly say, man, forget it. I'm going to Rio Rancho. And then you say, no, no, no. We'll you opt back in. Just in a way to really understand the personal dynamics of that choice and to see. And then also getting the statistics on a longer runway.

SHERIFF MENDOZA: I agree, and I'll let the Manager maybe answer your question also. But on that point I've had people submit from the opt-out group to try and opt in. And we had made it very clear that it was for the six-month period. I haven't heard of anybody that's tried to opt out from opting in. So that's promising, but I'll turn it over to the Manager.

MANAGER SHAFFER: Thank you, Sheriff, Chair Bustamante, Commissioners. I just wanted to add to what the Sheriff said. The policy definitely contemplates that the pilot schedule could be extended to gather more data, to fully evaluate the success of the pilot, in which case folks would have the opportunity to opt out of the extension if they wanted. But in any event we did build that flexibility into the policy so that we could evaluate whether or not more data would be beneficial to make a long-term decision.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Last. Any issue with the union at this point? Is this something that the union has accepted and is encouraged? Or is this something that they have some questions about at this point?

SHERIFF MENDOZA: Madam Chair, Commissioner Greene, we haven't polled the union in reference to how they feel about the actual – if we implemented this schedule as permanent. I think that would have to be a discussion with us and the union. Right now, because it's a pilot program, I as the Sheriff have the authority to go ahead and change the schedule temporarily, and that's what we've done. But if we move onto some form of extension for a long period of time or a permanent making of this schedule, then that's something that we would definitely bring the union to the table to talk about.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: And then I know that union negotiations don't happen that often, so let's look ahead to try to sync that up. Maybe this is one of those things that can happen, of course with probably lots of hours of discussion. But let's make sure that they align and we don't miss those opportunities or keep the pilot going until the time is right.

SHERIFF MENDOZA: Absolutely. Thank you. Good point.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Thank you. Any other comments?  
Commissioner Johnson.

COMMISSIONER JOHNSON: Thank you, Chair. Briefly, I'm sort of wondering – I think I need a reminder, of what activities are sanctioned under this program. So I think it's going to the gym or going to see a counselor, but can you give me a fuller range just so that I can imagine.

SHERIFF MENDOZA: So it can fall under anything that's pretty much reasonable when it comes to physical activity. If you're walking or biking, going to the gym. You can do a slew of behavioral health or mental health. If you're going to go talk to somebody. If you're going to go do yoga, you're going to meditate. You're going to go to counseling. There's a lot of different things. As long as it's been reasonable. We haven't had an instance where there's been an unreasonable use of the time. Those are determined by the Undersheriff on a case-by-case basis but I think the employees are being reasonable and using the time wisely.

COMMISSIONER JOHNSON: Thanks. That's helpful. And is there any data on what is sort of the most commonly used activity? Is it going to the gym? Is it going to meditate?

SHERIFF MENDOZA: Commissioner Johnson, we can – there has to be – we've been tracking the reasons and we could at the end of this or even before the end of this probably compile and maybe get a graph chart of what the deputies are doing the most or the least and get that information.

COMMISSIONER JOHNSON: I think it would just be interesting for us to see because it would give us a sense of sort of what is working for your team in terms of sort of rejuvenating them.

SHERIFF MENDOZA: Absolutely.

COMMISSIONER JOHNSON: Thank you for the presentation.

SHERIFF MENDOZA: Thank you.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Thank you. Any other comments? I have a question, Sheriff Mendoza. Have you heard anything, is there any – compared to the other jurisdictions and what other people are doing and we know a lot of folks end up at Bernalillo County or they're going to go – I think I understand that the State Police is some place where some people want to go or to a city. I do know that when we started a couple of years ago that we have a lot of people who were driving all the way from Bernalillo County. Given that, is the word getting out there that we're doing this? Is there sort of a hum? Are we the only ones doing this kind of work? What's happening there?

SHERIFF MENDOZA: Madam Chair, yes. We're the only one in the State of New Mexico doing this, and I think everybody's watching, to be honest. There's departments that know we're doing this. I talked, now for the legislative conference, talked to the Sheriffs Affiliate. There are sheriffs there that know that we're doing this program. They're aware of it. We're working on, and we wanted to address the Board with the statistics first before we do an actual press release with the statistics and how this pilot program has done. We did an initial press release when we rolled it out but I think the public would be interested in the statistics and how it's fared over the last four months.

So we are working on that and we want to be as transparent with the community as possible and we'll get that information out but yes, we're the only agency in I think – you may see some other agencies follow, and I think that would be great because I think it is beneficial to deputies and to law enforcement in general. There's a lot of stress and things that go along with this job, just like any other job, but it's a little more. Let me just

put it that way.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: It's not just like any other job. I respect you too much for you to get away with that.

MR. CONNOR: If I might comment on that. My neighbor is actually a Santa Fe City police officer, and it is the water cooler talk of this, in terms of getting recruitments. So the word is out there; people know.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Thank you. The next question I have with regard to the people who have now joined our force, are we getting more folks from Santa Fe County working with Santa Fe County? Or do we still get a lot from out of county?

SHERIFF MENDOZA: I think there's a little bit of both. We are getting lateral hires from sometimes different agencies throughout the state, to be honest with you. But we are getting some people from Santa Fe County. We've had a pretty good success in recruiting cadets, which usually are here from Santa Fe County and we just kicked off our PSA program, which was approved this last fiscal year, which is public safety aides, which we're missing the gap of young men and women from 18 to 21, because you have to be 21 to be a police officer. So we've got four positions that we're trying to fill right now and a lot of the applications that I looked over from local young men and women, which is great, because we do want them living and working in our community. So it's promising for sure.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Thank you. Commissioner Greene.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: There's a great opportunity over at the legislature to go poach a few State Police officers if you want to go. They're all standing around, protecting the Roundhouse. Go over there and tell them how wonderful it is to work for Santa Fe County and how cool this program is. Don't pull them from our market, because you're robbing Peter to pay Paul, but when you pull them from Las Cruces or you pull them from Las Vegas into Santa Fe County then we're up one for our market -- so anyway.

SHERIFF MENDOZA: I appreciate that, Commissioner, and trust me, I brag about this pilot program any chance I get to anybody that will listen.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: And we might give them an EV too.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Thank you both very much. Appreciate it.

SHERIFF MENDOZA: Thank you.

**9. Matters from the County Manager**

**A. Miscellaneous Updates**

MANAGER SHAFFER: Thank you, Chair Bustamante, Commissioners. I don't have much by the way of miscellaneous updates. I do want to remind each of you, as well as the general public that Santa Fe County Day at the New Mexico State Legislature is scheduled for next Tuesday from 8:00 am to 12 noon. I hope to see you all there and we'll have staff from various County department and elected offices, all having tables to showcase County services and programs. I'll be pleased to hear from Mr. Miller relative to legislative updates. Thank you.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Thank you.

**9. B. The First Session of the 57<sup>th</sup> Legislature: Updates and Potential Action**

**to Express Support for or Opposition to Legislation that Has Been or  
May be Introduced** [*Exhibit 1: Legislative Report*]

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Okay, Mr. Miller. Thank you.

HVTCE MILLER (Intergovernmental Outreach Coordinator): Good evening Chair Bustamante, Commissioners. Let me introduce myself first. Hvtce Miller, Intergovernmental Outreach Coordinator with the County Manager's Office and I need to pass out my reports to everybody.

So I believe I can go through this rather shortly. I just want to begin by saying that today is the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of the 60-day session and the majority of legislation has been moving slowly and is mostly in the committee process right now. A lot of the discussion that's been taking place is around the budget and state agencies and also the big items which are affecting the state budget. In particular, one of the big asks of this year's state budget is a \$1 billion commitment to behavioral services throughout the state. That's contained in Senate Bill-1 but it is also related to Senate Bill-2 and Senate Bill-3 as well. And I'll expand a little bit more on that right now.

So the Behavioral Health Services has been an issue in the state and it's related to a lot of different social issues as well – homelessness, crime, youth crime as well, and so the proposal that the legislature is undertaking this year is the Senate Bill-1 which is creating a trust for behavioral health funding within the state. And so the Senate Bill-1 creates the fund or the trust at one billion dollars and then Senate Bill-2 more or less determines the programs throughout the state that are needed for behavioral health. And Senate Bill-3 is the core element of the behavior health issue and that dictates – that's a major component of the entire piece because what the Senate Bill-3 does is it incorporates how localities and regions throughout the state will participate in the money that will become available from the behavioral health trust.

So today the Senate Finance Committee was going over some proposed changes to Senate Bills 1, 2, and 3 and let me just start by saying that this is – the legislature, seems like it's becoming more organized and process-oriented in its approach this year than it has in past years. So this was a good look at the proposed changes before they were going to actually act on Senate Bills 1, 2, and 3, which is planned for tomorrow morning by the Senate Finance Committee, and from there it will be debated and taken up by the full Senate. And what they were proposing in there was some checks on how programming was going to be rated and looked over to see if programming was working and to make sure that the plans and the regions that were determined are affecting or making an impact the way that they're supposed to.

So that's a new thing that's being done. They're showing – I think they're being more transparent and they're showing and talking about these things before rushing to the decision so that their committee members and the public at large can see what's going on as well. So that's a big piece that's going on right now is the behavioral health trust and the agency budgets as well.

Just to add on that as well is that within the legislature that's proposed right now, within those three bills, is – it's hard to determine just exactly how localities will be utilizing this money. The first element within the legislation is to basically assess the different regions within the state to see what is needed. So some places might have certain behavioral health services in place. Some may not have any services at all. Some may be more focused on youth. Some may be more focused on homelessness issues.

So it's probably expected that actual trickle-down to the localities from the behavioral health trust may not be for a few years off, and those specifics aren't provided in the legislation currently, and they'll probably be occurring in the agency or administrative rules that go along with the implementation of the plan in its entirety.

So as far as the report, like I mentioned earlier, there isn't great progress being made as far as bills and in the first section with the items listed in green, it shows that there's seven House bills that have passed their committees and one House memorial, and six Senate bills, which have passed their committees. And so those will be going on to either the full Senate or the full House, and there isn't a cross-over yet of bills, like House bills going to the Senate or Senate bills going to the House just as yet.

And the introduction of bills seems on track with what it has been in the past. They're in the 300s right now, both on the House and the Senate side. And the last day for introduction will be next week, February 20<sup>th</sup>, so we'll get a better picture of all the different items that are introduced and will be on the table.

The remaining pages of the report, pages 9 through 28, these are some bills that – this is basically listing all the bills that have movement. They've passed at least one committee, so you see that they do have traction and that they're on their way of being contemplated at least at this point.

I wasn't going to go through anything in particular. There isn't anything of, I guess, great concern to the County within the first section that have passed committees that I believe the County needs to act on at this point, seeing as how they're still in the house of origin, either on the House or the Senate side. So with that I just want to leave time open now for you to ask any questions and also just to let you know if there's any legislation related to a specific subject matter or appropriation I can list out all these type of things by subject or by where they're positioned at in the process, or however you might want to do a search of legislation, just to let you know. With that I'll be happy to answer any questions you have.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Questions for Hvtce? Commissioner Greene. You don't have to.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: I don't want to go first necessarily but if everyone wants me to go first.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: It's up to you.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: I do have questions but I don't have to go first. Thank you, Hvtce. So a couple questions. There's the water bills, I think it's Senate Bill- 21 and 22 that are of concern to the communities in the north, specifically the folks up in Tesuque and I want to track those as close as possible. Some of the housing bills that are out there that are going to come down the line, if we could highlight those and sort of see how we can help those. And then House Bill-210 that is a rural communities vacant building. So in communities that are sort of like forgotten and left behind, it might not be so much in Santa Fe County but there might be some communities, whether it's like Cordova or Chimayo where these vacant buildings are, have high barriers to redevelopment and this bill would allow state CID to lower some of those requirements, and if we could follow those as well.

Public safety, money for the DA, all the different things really around public safety I know our constituents want to know about and how they play out for Santa Fe County. I've spoken to Senators Cervantes and Maestas who are both on Senate Judiciary and I sat through the good, the bad, and the ugly presentation about pre-trial detention

and it was an amazing presentation of data from the courts that showed that Santa Fe is really kind of being underserved. There are judicial districts in the state where they have a much higher percentage of success rates and we need to figure out how to get a better success rate to keep these repeat offenders off our streets. Any guidance and how we can help with any of these things would be great to know. It's still early but we're running out of time, so thank you.

MR. MILLER: Chair Bustamante, Commissioner Greene, I'll make sure and provide you more information on these. I am tracking the legislation by the priority resolutions that the Commission has in place, so for instance, housing, I have tracking lists with everything housing-related in there, so I'm sure House Bill-210 is within there. But as far as crime initiatives, what's supposed to happen is on Saturday the House, I believe they're going to come together as a committee as a whole on the House floor and they're going to start hashing out basically what crime bills are going to come together in a crime package.

So as you've seen in the report that I've provided, right now we just have the House Bill-12, the extreme risk fire arm protection order changes, which has gotten the most attention at this point, but after Saturday it should become clear whether it's going to be more court-focused or gun safety-focused, or youth detention or rehabilitation, those types of things. So I'll definitely provide a report back to you before the next Commission meeting. I'll do it next week.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Thank you. It seems to be the number one issue at the legislative level. There's things that we can do at the Commission. There's things that cities do. There's things at each level but it seems that the legislature – it's their turn to take a look at that. So thank you.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Commissioner Cacari Stone.

COMMISSIONER CACARI STONE: Thank you so much for your report and for your expertise. I was wondering if we could lean on your updates. We know that there was 12 legislative priorities set by our County and we met in December with some of our state legislators. With our website, is it possible with the links to each of these initiatives that they're just be an update with a date set of where this is at in the session so that we could see it across Commissioners.

I also want to communicate that to my constituents in District 2.

MR. MILLER: Chair Bustamante, Commissioner Cacari Stone, absolutely. I'll work with Daniel on updating that and what I can also do is provide calendars to the Commission to just show you what is slated for committees that day, so you can see positions of bill and within that calendar that I can provide it will show you which tracking list it's associated with so it will show you if it's a sustainability issue, a housing issue, an economic development issue.

COMMISSIONER CACARI STONE: Thank you so much.

COMMISSIONER JOHNSON: Commissioner Hughes. No? Commissioner Johnson. I have a couple of questions regarding, or if we could just pay attention to House Bill-212 regarding prohibition and management, so I've read it but there is a point where at a certain level PFAS would be monitored or prohibited in certain materials in the state, and give the interest in PFAS in my district especially, I'm hoping that we can get behind that in some way, shape or form to the extent that we would even possibly put a resolution to state that Santa Fe County has had adverse impacts from PFAS, as well as that one – there's another one, 222, that has more to do with fracking



fluids, but it does include PFAS in that particular bill.

Representative McQueen is also working on legislation and we have seen only – or understand, I should say – I’ve seen it – understand that there is a draft with regard to placement of large utility-scale battery storage for alternative energy sources. And there has been very light regulation on private landowners, and this was all very intentional in the interest of getting people to really move forward on alternative energy. But when that one comes out – I don’t know, if you hear about it dropping or we’re also keeping an eye on it with Brittney in my office in District 3. This is a big question and concern. But it’s written in a way that just would allow for more input so that various counties don’t have to – there’s more information for us to make our decisions on. So that’s really the goal of that one. It doesn’t have a number yet. I understand. But I just let you know about that, that that’s coming out of Representative McQueen’s area.

Otherwise, thank you very much for keeping up with this and the good work that you’re doing. Are there any other questions, comments, concerns, for Hvtce? No. With that, thank you, Hvtce. Have a great day at the Roundhouse.

MR. MILLER: Thank you. Thank you for your guidance and I’ll make sure to provide you the updated information on everything that you asked me to today.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: I appreciate it. Thank you sincerely. We all do. Thanks.

**10. Matters from County Commissioners and Other Elected Officials**

**A. Commissioner Issues and Comments, Including but not Limited to Constituent Concerns, Recognitions and Requests for Updates or Future Presentations**

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: As I mentioned at our first meeting, as we start to attend our committees, this would be a time to share with our Board various items that we’re working on the interest of being able to be well informed. So let’s go ahead and start with Commissioner Johnson and move this way.

COMMISSIONER JOHNSON: Sure. Thank you, Chair Bustamante. I attended my first meeting of the NCRTD. It’s the North Central Regional Transit District. The notes from that, in addition to sort of orienting myself, we had a discussion – I’ll just highlight a couple of items. The most of interest to sort of us as a broad county, there was some question of excessive ridership or “joy riding.” As a fare-free service the blue bus does sometimes have folks who step on the bus and ride the route multiple times and so the executive team at NCRTD is developing a policy around that. The idea of the policy is to limit that activity but also do so with an understanding that there are sensitive topics and crises in homelessness in our area.

I would say the two sort of take-aways from that, NCRTD does participate in Unite Us, which is behavioral health connective services network that is related or coordinates often with Santa Fe CONNECT, so that was I think a good way to train up folks who run blue buses to make those connections for those in need. So that is one item that I think would be of interest to the Commission.

Another is that we overwhelming approved during the board meeting an application for the NCRTD to apply for solar in their bus lots. As the entity increasingly buys hybrid vehicles, electric, electrification in its bus routes this will allow even more efficiency and cost saving as solar power could refuel the buses. So I thought that was

interesting. Those are sort of my interesting notes from my first foray into that.

Other matters. I'll go quickly just in the interests of time. I meant to mention this first but I am glad that you are on the road to recovery, as you mentioned to us at the last meeting. And I did, and I wanted to note further on Commissioner business, I think we all appreciated Commissioner Greene's op-ed in the Sunday *New Mexican* that we really should think about coordinating more with the City and that sort of breaking bread and getting to know each other a little bit better so that we can make those really smooth and regular.

I talked to Manager Shaffer and the department about this. I have had a couple of people just ask me out of curiosity about the Downs and the development that was reported in the *New Mexican* through the destruction of the Downs facility, and I think that something that I'd like to see us work on in the future, knowing that that is Pojoaque Pueblo land, better understand the legal and growth management issues that will sort of buffer that zone. So first, what are the development rights of Pojoaque Pueblo, and then also how does this affect Santa Fe County which contains it, and it has both a lot of potential and also a lot of potential pitfalls. So I think connecting with Pojoaque Pueblo as a team in the near future would be important.

I'm also planning in my district in coordination with some volunteer firefighters and also the higher leadership, across the county ingress/egress drills. A lot of my district has neighborhoods that are sort of one way in, one way out, and there has been a precedent for this under my predecessor and I think that it really had the ability to bring neighborhoods together to understand for themselves how to organize that but also for departments, be they volunteer or paid department teams, how this is going to work in a particular areas. And it also gives training to those who are in the department. that's all I have. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Thank you, Commissioner. Commissioner Cacari Stone.

COMMISSIONER CACARI STONE: Thank you, Chair. I'll keep mine brief. I was able to participate in the Northern Rio Grande National Heritage Area first meeting. Most of the order of business was electing new officers and some other carryover business. They have their minutes online, I believe. But the Coalition for Sustainable Communities that Commissioner Hughes is also on, I've been engaging with regular legislative updates on Fridays and I was happy to be able to testify to the Clean Air Act on the Senate floor. Not on the Senate floor. In the sub-committee working committee that Senator Liz Stefanics chairs.

Just some updates with District 2. Kimberly Vigil, I want to give her a big shout-out. We've been a great team. She's been wonderful to lean on with her community engagement expertise. We met with the Agua Fria Village community leaders. They have been planning for quite a few years, like five years, a historic arts cultural center that would be intergenerational. So you'll hear more from that as the community is organizing. This would serve all of District 2 and be a hub that expands on the land where the Nancy Rodriguez Center is at. They have a grant from the Main Street program, so they're going to be looking at doing a little bit more with business development and like I said, more to come.

I do want to just thank again the Department of Public Safety as well as Public Works for their responses to the runoff of the San Ysidro Crossing. They've been out there regularly and they participated. About four staff members from the County came to

Agua Fria Village at last Monday's meeting.

I'm happy also to participate – KSWV Radio, Salud para Todos is having a radio forum on February 26<sup>th</sup> in the afternoon, and I'll be joining Senate Majority Leader Peter Wirth on the behavioral health. I call it the trifecta. There are concerns with fragmentation because there is the plan to administer 140 grants to 13 state agencies, versus making it more consolidated. So what we discussed a little bit more about the opportunities and challenges under that. And that is it for now. Thank you.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Thank you, Commissioner. Commissioner Hughes.

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Thank you, Madam Chair. I want to mention February 27<sup>th</sup> Eldorado Recycles 285 is putting on an event at the Vista Grande Public Library, which I'll participate in, about our plastics ordinance and about recycling. They're very active in encouraging everybody to not use plastic and recycle everything else. And that's at 7:00 at the Vista Grande Public Library.

Also important to me and to all of us is supportive housing in Consuelo's Place. Consuelo's Place has asked for more support from the County. It receives a little bit of support. We might consider expanding our support for them. The City seems interested in keeping Consuelo's Place and not sunseting it. They were going to sunset it in June, but I think they realized the value of keeping 50 people off the street and moving them toward housing. So I think that's promising. Supportive housing, still in the infant stage I think by Commissioner Cacari Stone and I will work on that together.

I attended my first meeting this year of the Buckman Direct Diversion and I noted that we spent a lot of time talking about the sitewide environmental impact statement for LANL, which were mainly concerned about PFAS pollution and hexavalent pollution reaching the Rio Grande and of course reaching out water. So that will be an important part of our comments too. And then Commissioner Greene can touch on everything else about the Buckman Direct Diversion.

And I just wanted to mention with the Coalition of Sustainable Communities, I did attend the hearing on the benefits fund on Saturday. The benefits fund is I think \$380 million to support solar projects throughout the state, solar and other renewables, and that did pass the committee. And that's it.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Thank you. Commissioner Greene.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Thank you, Madam Chair. So Commissioner items, first off, thank you for the kind words on the op-ed. I do plan on bringing forth a joint resolution and I think Commissioner Bustamante, we will pass it on to you once we get a draft and have your input. I do have a number of City Councilors that are interested. In fact everybody said – except for one but that one we actually haven't asked. But it's been unanimous to say let's do it and let's figure this out. And the main point of one of the things in my op-ed was to not just do it as a singular meeting but for all of us to own a subject that we know and are passionate about. And so each of us have a strength that we care about and over at the City Council they have folks like that too. And so I think that that's a way for us to start to work and build those relationships on subjects that we know and love, instead of just us having one meeting and it's a kumbayaa moment. There's value in that as well, but really to have something that says, okay, Commissioner Cacari Stone, you're going to work with Councilor so-and-so on this. And we each divide and conquer the issues that our community wants us to work on. It's a strategy to build relationships and to build accountability for these subjects, and I

think that that's – I'm willing to hear any idea that you've got about this but this was sort of my first stab at that concept.

We're going to start working on an animal welfare summit for some time in the spring or summer. This was a topic that came up at the last budget cycle and we'd like to try to get it organized as a community-wide thing where it would be City, County, all of the stakeholders in the whole animal welfare space, and put together a multi-day event for the community to take part in, and for the stakeholders to decide on how we can move forward for the best of our animal community here. And that's everything from farm animals and 4-H, all the way to the shelters and you name it. So it's really meant to be as inclusive as possible in this sort of event.

I really want to give a shout-out to Growth Management. I took – I went to the lunch over at the Santa Fe Area Homebuilders Association about two weeks ago and Alex Ladd, the Director, Jordan Yutzy – I don't remember his title, and Dominic Sisneros, all presented where Santa Fe County is in Growth Management. And that was a sore spot for us for years. And it was as close to a standing ovation as I've ever seen for this. It was really impressive. Everybody was so happy. Points were: It's so easy to work with you guys, finally, to the roll-out of online permitting.

And so unlike the City who tried to do the hardest types of permits first for their online permitting, we've tried to do the easiest permits first, and it was greatly appreciated. So there were folks there that said, oh, I've gone through this and it was like instant. So great. It was a good shout-out to us here. The customer service level, that really changed. The attitude over there and – it was great. Dominic and Jordan and Alex all walked out I think very happy with their presentation there and everybody in the room was just like, great job. So that was good for all of us. I thought I'd give them a shout-out and all of us a shout-out.

I saw in the paper that the City is looking at a shot spotter, which is this triangulation software for gunshot detection. This is something that the County Manager and I had discussion probably about a year or more ago, and it's interesting to see that the City is discussing it now. I think the logical place for this to be housed, even if it's funded by the City or maybe majority funded by the City is at the RECC. Because that's where it comes up on a CAD screen and you know whether it's a city or a county issue. And so there are some areas, really specifically in District 2, at the border lines of the city and the county and the Agua Fria Village where this could have those cross-jurisdictional issues and the RECC is probably the right place for that to live as a product. Whether the City wants to pay for it 100 percent or whether

In terms of the committees that I'm on, I'm on the North Central New Mexico Economic Development District board, and they continue to do great work. Monica Abeyta is their executive director. They chose a few new executive committees with one retirement. The one thing that I want to bring up for the new folks here is that North Central has this resource for us where they can do grant writing. With our resources and knowledge of the subjects that are important to Santa Fe County, their grant writers are pretty amazing and have gotten us \$4 million for EV chargers and are lined up to do other things if we just go ask. And they will do work for us, not only for us, but they will do work for us but if you have a non-profit that you know that needs support in your community, just a letter from you introducing your non-profit or a non-profit that you want to show this to you can get them to open the door there and start that grant writing proposal there.

REDI-Net is meeting on Thursday. As I mentioned earlier, the State Route 76 fiber line is getting lit up. That's going to be good for the northern tier and is shared by Rio Arriba and Santa Fe County all the way up to Chimayo.

And then lastly, for Buckman Direct Diversion, happy to say that I was elected chair. It was our turn so thank you very much. I thank you for the support from everybody there. It was great, and I look forward to serving as the chair and if there's things that you would like to bring before the board or things that you think are important I'm happy to bring them forward or to invite you to a meeting to discuss. It was nice to have Commissioner Fulton Johnson to start learning about what's going on over there. Alternates should show up too, especially when you're new to get up to speed, so I appreciate that.

And then the main initiative for BDD this year, just to put it on everybody's radar, is that with BDD, when it was built a little over a decade ago there were some deficiencies in the project, and it resulted in a settlement with the design-build firm that resulted in \$70 million being refunded or whatever mechanism it was, but \$70 million was given back to the BDD organization to fix some of the deficiencies. And so that process is going to be happening in the next few months. They've started with getting an owner's rep on board and a design-build firm that can come in and fix – put a proposal together how they would fix it and spend that \$70 million. It's a lot of money but it's a very expensive project. Once upon a time when they said \$70 million would have probably done more than was necessary. Now, because of inflation people are not quite so sure. So that's it for me. Thank you very much.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Thank you. I'll be very quick. We had a meeting with people at the Cyclone Center in Stanley and there is great interest in developing the place out a little bit more so that we can actually have I would say, international events at that center. It is an impressive center, and there is opportunity to just take care of a few things and make it an actual destination for those people who are interested in equestrian activities.

The other thing with regard to – we're still working on getting someone for our Planning Commission. District 3 has had a difficult time finding another one. I'm saying it out loud so that when it gets out there, we'll get some more interest.

And then lastly, the Pojoaque Pueblo and we do have and been requested immediately, a call on that is a federal trust land, so that it is owned by them. We don't have jurisdiction on that property. They do have a liaison who has worked and sits on the La Cienega Valley Association, and the community is aware of the plans and the draft and people are very actively involved in that particular plan.

So that is pretty much it for what I have for District 3. I have not been to any additional meetings yet, no committee meetings as of yet, and thank you for acknowledging them. Happy to be here today.

**10. B. Elected Officials' Issues and Comments, Including but not Limited to Constituent Concerns, Recognitions and Requests for Updates or Future Presentations**

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: So when we move now down to our agenda we elected officials.

MR. FRESQUEZ: Madam Chair, it looks like Treasurer Manzanares is

online but she is not indicating that she would like to speak.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Thank you very much.

**11. Matters from the County Attorney**

- A. Executive Session. Limited Personnel Matters, as Allowed by Section 10-15-1(H)(2) NMSA 1978; Board Deliberations in Administrative Adjudicatory Proceedings, Including Those on the Agenda Tonight for Public Hearing, as Allowed by Section 10-15-1(H)(3) NMSA 1978; Discussion of Bargaining Strategy Preliminary to Collective Bargaining Negotiations Between the Board of County Commissioners and Collective Bargaining Units, as Allowed by Section 10-15-1(H)(5); Discussion of Contents of Competitive Sealed Proposals Pursuant to the Procurement Code During Contract Negotiations as Allowed by Section 10-15-1(H)(6); Threatened or Pending Litigation in which Santa Fe County is or May Become a Participant, as Allowed by Section 10-15-1 (H)(7) NMSA 1978; and, Discussion of the Purchase, Acquisition or Disposal of Real Property or Water Rights, as Allowed by Section 10-15-1(H)(8) NMSA 1978, including:**
- 1. Alleged Open Meetings Act Violations Submitted on January 31, 2025, by Kenneth H. Stalter on Behalf of Chris Mechels**

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Mr. Boyd.

MR. BOYD: Thank you, Chair and Commissioners. I'm seeking a motion to go into closed executive session so the Commission can discuss threatened or pending litigation in which Santa Fe County is or may become a participant, under Section 1(H)(7) of the Open Meetings Act.

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: I make a motion that we go into executive committee to discuss the items mentioned by the Attorney.

COMMISSIONER CACARI STONE: I second it.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Motion made by Commissioner Hughes, second by Commissioner Cacari Stone. Roll call.

**The motion to go into executive session passed by unanimous roll call vote as follows:**

Commissioner Cacari Stone	Aye
Commissioner Greene	Aye
Commissioner Hughes	Aye
Commissioner Johnson	Aye
Chair Bustamante	Aye

[The Commission met in executive session from 5:56 to 6:35.]

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: I call this meeting back to order. Do we have a motion to –

COMMISSIONER GREENE: I will make a motion to come out of

executive session, stating that all we discussed were the items brought up by the County Attorney and no decisions were made while we were there.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Motion by Commissioner Greene.

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Second.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Second by Commissioner Hughes.

**The motion passed by unanimous [5-0] voice vote.**

**11. B. Action, Pursuant to Section 10-15-3(B) NMSA 1978, on January 31, 2025, Notice of Open Meetings Act Violations Submitted by Kenneth H. Stalter on Behalf of Chris Mechels**

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: I'd like to make a motion.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Motion, sir.

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: I move to deny the claimed violations of the Open Meetings Act asserted in a letter from attorney Ken Stalter dated January 31, 2025, and direct the County Attorney to explain the reasons for the denial in a letter to Mr. Stalter.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Do we have a second?

COMMISSIONER JOHNSON: Second.

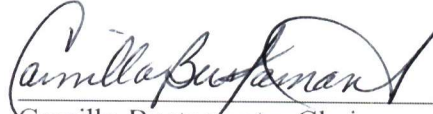
CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Second by Commissioner Johnson.

**The motion passed by unanimous [5-0] voice vote.**

12. Concluding Business  
A. Announcements  
B. Adjournment

Upon motion by Commissioner Johnson and second by Commissioner Greene, and with no further business to come before this body, Chair Bustamante declared this meeting adjourned at 6:36 p.m.

Approved by:

  
Camilla Bustamante, Chair  
Board of County Commissioners


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KATHARINE E. CLARK  
SANTA FE COUNTY CLERK



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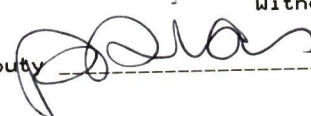
  
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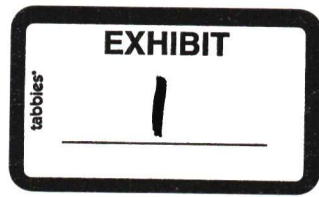
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**2025 Regular Session Dates**  
**The First Session of the 57th Legislature**

February 20     Deadline for introduction  
March 22        Session ends (noon)  
April 11         Legislation not acted upon by governor is pocket vetoed  
June 20         Effective date of legislation not a general appropriation bill or a bill carrying an  
                         emergency clause or other specified date

**All Bills Introduced**                     696  
**House Bills Introduced**                346  
**Senate Bills Introduced**                350

## Bills Passed All/Majority of Assigned Committees

<b>Bill:</b>	<b>HB6</b>
<b>Sponsors:</b>	Szczepanski (D47); Stewart (D17)
<b>Title:</b>	<b>MUNICIPAL &amp; COUNTY INDUSTRIAL REVENUE BOND PROJECTS AND PREVAILING WAGES</b>
<b>Analysis:</b>	Introduced 01/21/2025 — 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).
<b>Progress:</b>	1st House: Reported from Committees
<b>Status:</b>	02/10/2025 — House Calendar
<b>History:</b>	01/21/2025 — H Introduced and referred to House Labor, Veterans' & Military Affairs. 01/21/2025 — H Also referred to House Government, Elections & Indian Affairs. 02/03/2025 — H Reported Do Pass by House Labor, Veterans' & Military Affairs. 02/10/2025 — H Reported Do Pass by House Government, Elections & Indian Affairs.

<b>Bill:</b>	<b>HB12</b>
<b>Sponsors:</b>	Garratt (D29); Chandler (D43); Duhigg (D10); Berghmans (D15)
<b>Title:</b>	<b>EXTREME RISK FIREARM PROTECTION ORDER CHANGES</b>
<b>Analysis:</b>	<p>Prefiled 01/06/2025 — (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).</p> <p>Under current statute, a petition for an extreme risk firearm protection order is to be filed upon credible information received from a reporting party that a respondent poses a significant danger of causing imminent injury to self or others by having possession of a firearm.</p> <p>The bill details the information to be included in a petition for an extreme risk order based on information collected while carrying out official duties, including a description of the circumstances under which the information was collected.</p>
<b>Related:</b>	2024:HB27
<b>Progress:</b>	1st House: Reported from Committees
<b>Status:</b>	02/06/2025 — House Calendar
<b>History:</b>	01/06/2025 — H Prefiled in the House. 01/21/2025 — H Introduced and referred to House Consumer & Public Affairs. 01/21/2025 — H Also referred to House Judiciary. 01/29/2025 — H Reported Do Pass by House Consumer & Public Affairs. 02/06/2025 — H Reported Do Pass by House Judiciary.

<b>Bill:</b>	<b>HB26</b>
<b>Sponsors:</b>	Cates (D44); Szczepanski (D47)
<b>Title:</b>	<b>TICKET SCALPING DEFINITION TO INCLUDE NONPROFITS, POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS</b>
<b>Analysis:</b>	Prefiled 01/02/2025 — Amends the crime of ticket scalping to include selling tickets to events presented by the state or a political subdivision or by a tax-exempt nonprofit corporation at a price greater than that charged at admission or printed on the ticket. The current statute only covers tickets for college athletic events.
<b>Progress:</b>	1st House: Reported from Committees
<b>Status:</b>	02/10/2025 — House Calendar
<b>History:</b>	01/02/2025 — H Prefiled in the House. 01/21/2025 — H Introduced and referred to House Consumer & Public Affairs. 01/21/2025 — H Also referred to House Judiciary.

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<b>Bill:</b>	<b>HB36</b>
<b>Sponsors:</b>	Hochman-Vigil (D15); Terrazas (R39); Martinez, J. (D11)
<b>Title:</b>	<b>OPTOMETRY BOARD POWERS AND DUTIES EXPANDED</b>
<b>Analysis:</b>	HHHC Committee Report 01/30/2025 — House Health and Human Services Committee amendment to HB36 removes two surgical procedures from the definition of “practice of optometry”: anterior chamber paracentesis in the emergent treatment of highly elevated intraocular pressure and intracameral placement of sustained release drug-eluting implants. It adds a section on Exemptions that reads: “Except for the provisions of Sections 61-2-14.1 and 61-2-16 NMSA 1978 and as provided in this subsection, the Optometry Act does not apply to a licensed physician or a person, clinic or program under the licensed physician’s responsible supervision or control...” Sec. 61-2-14.1 relates to contact lenses; spectacles; limitations on prescriptions; criminal penalty; civil remedy; exceptions. Goes next to House Judiciary Committee.
<b>Progress:</b>	1st House: Reported from Committees
<b>Status:</b>	02/10/2025 — House Calendar
<b>History:</b>	01/03/2025 — H Prefiled in the House. 01/22/2025 — H Introduced and referred to House Health & Human Services. 01/22/2025 — H Also referred to House Judiciary. 01/30/2025 — H Reported Do Pass as amended by House Health & Human Services. 02/10/2025 — H Reported Do Pass by House Judiciary.

<b>Bill:</b>	<b>HB47</b>
<b>Sponsors:</b>	De La Cruz (D12); Martinez, A. (R23)
<b>Title:</b>	<b>PROPERTY TAX: VETERAN EXEMPTION CHANGES</b>
<b>Analysis:</b>	HGEIC Committee Substitute 01/30/2025 — House Government, Elections and Indian Affairs Committee substitute for HB47 alters the timeframe for increases for the property tax exemption for veterans. It removes the expanded definition of “veteran” but retains the expanded exemption for disabled veterans. Adds an emergency clause. In its substituted form, HB45 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. Increases the amount for a veteran exemption. Expands the disabled veteran exemption. Veteran exemption amount: Increases the exemption amount for property tax year 2025 to \$10,000 (from \$4,000); for 2026 and for subsequent tax years, the \$10,000 is indexed for CPI inflation (rounded to nearest \$100). Taxation and Revenue Department computes the adjustment annually and informs the county assessors by December 1 of each year. Deletes obsolete language relating to the 2004 and 2005 property tax year. Disabled veteran exemption: Expands eligibility to all disabled veterans, not just those with 100 percent disability. Grants disabled veterans an exemption from property taxation on the veteran’s residence in proportion to the percentage of the veteran’s disability, as determined under federal law. Effective for the 2026 and subsequent property tax years.
<b>Progress:</b>	1st House: Reported from Committees
<b>Status:</b>	02/07/2025 — House Calendar
<b>History:</b>	01/06/2025 — H Prefiled in the House. 01/22/2025 — H Introduced and referred to House Government, Elections & Indian Affairs. 01/22/2025 — H Also referred to House Taxation & Revenue. 01/30/2025 — H Reported Do Not Pass but Do Pass as substituted by House Government, Elections & Indian Affairs. 02/07/2025 — H Reported Do Pass by House Taxation & Revenue.

<b>Bill:</b>	<b>HB49</b>
<b>Sponsors:</b>	Borrego (D17); Roybal Caballero (D13)
<b>Title:</b>	<b>PUBLIC HEALTH: ACCOMMODATION OF TV CLOSE CAPTIONING</b>
<b>Analysis:</b>	HJC Committee Substitute 02/10/2025 — House Judiciary Committee substitute for HB49 preserves the intent of the original to require places of public accommodation that display television programming to provide closed captioning. The substitute eliminates Attorney General enforcement in favor of creating a private right of action for a disabled person affected by a violation. It also substitutes a generic description for “place of public accommodation” instead of the list included in the original.
<b>Progress:</b>	1st House: Reported from Committees
<b>Status:</b>	02/10/2025 — House Calendar
<b>History:</b>	01/06/2025 — H Prefiled in the House. 01/22/2025 — H Introduced and referred to House Commerce & Economic Development. 01/22/2025 — H Also referred to House Judiciary. 01/30/2025 — H Reported Do Pass as amended by House Commerce & Economic Development. 02/10/2025 — H Reported Do Not Pass but Do Pass as substituted by House Judiciary.
<b>Scheduled:</b>	02/11/2025 — House Calendar, 10:30 a.m., House Chamber

<b>Bill:</b>	<b>HB218</b>
<b>Sponsors:</b>	Lente (D65)
<b>Title:</b>	<b>TAX CODE CLEAN-UP</b>
<b>Analysis:</b>	Introduced 01/30/2025 — (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. Technical amendments update terminology and agency references, modify dollar amounts for inflation, delete obsolete provisions, swap references to “regulations” to “rules” to comport with the State Rules Act, reflect the 2018 change to destination sourcing in the gross receipts taxes, remove individual requirements to report to the Legislature on many tax credits (instead, directing them to be included in the annual tax expenditure report) and consolidate the provisions on personal income tax contributions.
<b>Progress:</b>	1st House: Reported from Committees
<b>Status:</b>	02/07/2025 — House Calendar
<b>History:</b>	01/29/2025 — H Introduced and referred to House Taxation & Revenue. 02/07/2025 — H Reported Do Pass by House Taxation & Revenue.

<b>Bill:</b>	<b>HM2</b>
<b>Sponsors:</b>	Garratt (D29); Baca, B. (R8)
<b>Title:</b>	<b>EDUCATION DATA GOVERNANCE AND ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE WORKING GROUP</b>
<b>Analysis:</b>	Introduced 01/22/2025 — Requests that the Legislative Education Study Committee convene an education data governance and artificial intelligence working group to study and make recommendations on a formal structure for data governance, statewide education data governance policies, and policies governing the use of artificial intelligence in education. Topics for the working group to study are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Current status of state education data systems spanning early childhood education to the workforce</li> <li>• How data might interact with artificial intelligence</li> <li>• Policies to ensure that data systems include accurate, complete, and consistent information</li> <li>• The needs of New Mexicans regarding data access and sovereignty</li> <li>• Policies to ensure that datasets are transparent and timely as well as private and secure</li> </ul>

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<b>Progress:</b>	1st House: Reported from Committees
<b>Status:</b>	02/04/2025 — House Calendar
<b>History:</b>	01/22/2025 — H Introduced and referred to House Education. 02/04/2025 — H Reported Do Pass by House Education.

<b>Bill:</b>	<b>SB5</b>
<b>Sponsors:</b>	Campos (D8); McQueen (D50); Wirth (D25)
<b>Title:</b>	<b>STATE DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE CREATED</b>
<b>Analysis:</b>	<p>SCONC Committee Report 02/10/2025 — Senate Conservation Committee amendments to SB5 make the following changes: State Wildlife Commission:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Of the three at large members of the State Wildlife Commission, at least one shall be a member of an Indian nation, tribe or pueblo; one of the rancher positions, must be one who actively works at growing and selling livestock or crops from a ranch or farm where at least two big game species are frequently present.</li> <li>2. The Nominating Committee grows has two more members appointed by the Governor who are not registered as members of the same political party.</li> <li>3. In its rulemaking, the State Wildlife Commission is given discretion, to consider (a) “a species’ population size and trend, migration patterns and other identified characteristics and considerations, including sustainable food supply;” (b) to determine whether and how to protect a species.</li> <li>4. Clarifies that the State Wildlife Commission’s role in the protection and management of wildlife includes rulemaking but not policy-making. Reduces trapping fees for: Resident fur dealer, from \$100 to \$50; Resident trapper, from \$100 to \$50 and Resident junior trapper, from \$50 to \$20.</li> <li>5. Repeals Sec. 17-1-1, (declaration of policy), and Sec. 17-2-2 (Game to be protected).</li> <li>6. Effective dates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• July 1, 2026 for Secs. 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9 and 11, which deal with the changes in definitions and the commission’s authority, and the repeals</li> <li>• July 1, 2027, for Secs. 2, 3 and 10, which deal with the commission’s membership, the establishment of the Nominating Committee, and the temporary section addressing the name, transfer of assets</li> <li>• April 1, 2026 for Sec. 8, which changes fees.</li> </ul> </li> </ol> <p>Goes next to Senate Judiciary Committee.</p>
<b>Progress:</b>	1st House: Reported from Committees
<b>Status:</b>	02/10/2025 — Senate Finance Committee
<b>History:</b>	01/21/2025 — S Introduced and referred to Senate Rules. 01/21/2025 — S Also referred to Senate Conservation. 01/21/2025 — S Also referred to Senate Finance. 01/28/2025 — S Reported Do Pass as amended by Senate Rules. 02/10/2025 — S Reported Do Pass as amended by Senate Conservation.

<b>Bill:</b>	<b>SB8</b>
<b>Sponsors:</b>	Woods (R7)
<b>Title:</b>	<b>VETERINARY MEDICAL LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM</b>
<b>Analysis:</b>	Introduced 01/21/2025 — (Related to 2023 HB474 and SB404) Creates the Veterinary Medical Loan Repayment Fund to make awards to qualified veterinarians to repay loans for veterinary medical education if the veterinarians provide food-animal veterinary services in underserved

	<p>areas. Appropriates \$5 million (GF, nonreverting) to the fund for use in FYs 2026 through 2031. Directs the Higher Education Department to appoint a Veterinarian Selection Committee, composed of the State Veterinarian, the NMSU Extension Veterinarian, and the Chair of the Board of Veterinary Medicine. Duties of the committee are to:</p> <p>select up to 10 applicants a year to participate in the loan repayment program</p> <p>designate food-animal veterinarian underserved areas of the state and rank them as to need</p> <p>assist HED in determining selection criteria for applicants and recipients.</p> <p>Award criteria are specified, as are compliance requirements and penalties for noncompliance and criteria for release from contract. Requires a minimum four-year period of service in a food-animal veterinarian underserved area. Maximum award amounts are \$15,000 for each of the first two years and \$25,000 for each of the second two years, not to exceed \$80,000 total.</p> <p>Requires annual reporting to the Governor and the Legislature on the loan program.</p> <p>Defines an "underserved area" as a municipality or county that does not have a sufficient number of food-animal veterinarians for the needs of the area.</p>
<b>Related:</b>	2025:HB90; 2023:HB474; 2023:SB404
<b>Progress:</b>	1st House: Reported from Committees
<b>Status:</b>	02/04/2025 — Senate Finance Committee
<b>History:</b>	<p>01/21/2025 — S Introduced and referred to Senate Education.</p> <p>01/21/2025 — S Also referred to Senate Judiciary.</p> <p>01/21/2025 — S Also referred to Senate Finance.</p> <p>01/30/2025 — S Reported Do Pass by Senate Education.</p> <p>02/04/2025 — S Reported Do Pass by Senate Judiciary.</p>

<b>Bill:</b>	<b>SB19</b>
<b>Sponsors:</b>	Steinborn (D36)
<b>Title:</b>	<b>BOARDS OF REGENTS TRAINING REQUIREMENT</b>
<b>Analysis:</b>	<p>SEC Committee Substitute 02/03/2025 — Senate Education Committee substitute for SB 19, like the original, provides for required training for members of state higher education boards of regents. The substitute imposes the same training requirement as the original but broadens its application to the governing board members of all state post-secondary educational institutions, not just those named in the Constitution.</p> <p>The training must consist of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Two hours on provisions of the state Constitution and state law pertaining to state educational institutions and related post-secondary education matters</li> <li>• Two hours covering student success and student support services</li> <li>• Two hours covering institutional governance, innovation, best practices and available federal, state and nongovernmental resources to assist Boards and their members</li> <li>• Two hours covering ethics and state law regarding ethics oversight and public accountability, including the Procurement Code, the Open Meetings Act and the Inspection of Public Records Act.</li> </ul> <p>APPLICABILITY. Applies to all appointed board members after the effective date of the act, and to current members with at least one year left to serve as of that date. Current members must complete training by December 31, 2025.</p>
<b>Progress:</b>	1st House: Reported from Committees
<b>Status:</b>	02/07/2025 — Senate Calendar
<b>History:</b>	<p>01/21/2025 — S Introduced and referred to Senate Education.</p> <p>01/21/2025 — S Also referred to Senate Rules.</p> <p>02/03/2025 — S Reported Do Not Pass but Do Pass as substituted by Senate Education.</p> <p>02/07/2025 — S Reported Do Pass by Senate Rules.</p>

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<b>Bill:</b>	<b>SB85</b>
<b>Sponsors:</b>	Wirth (D25)
<b>Title:</b>	<b>CAMPAIGN REPORTING ACT REVISIONS</b>
<b>Analysis:</b>	<p>Introduced 01/22/2025 — Makes a series of amendments to the Campaign Reporting Act to clarify, extend and tighten its provisions.</p> <p>Revises the definition of "expenditure" to replace the vague phrase "for a political purpose" with a payment "(1) by a campaign committee or political committee; (2) by a public official or candidate in support of the public official's or candidate's campaign for office in an election covered by the Campaign Reporting Act; or (3) to pay for an advertisement that refers to a candidate or ballot question".</p> <p>Requires a campaign or political committee to disclose to the recipient of an electronic communication the name of the organization paying for the communication.</p> <p>Defines "donation" as a "payment or transfer, or promiser of payment or transfer, of money or other thing of value to a person who makes independent expenditures" but excludes regular commercial transactions, compensation for services rendered, investment of capital, payment for sale of property, commercially reasonable loans from institutions authorized by the state to make loans, gifts on a special occasion from a family member or close friend or personal loan from a family member or repayment of such a loan. Also, regarding independent expenditures, generally replaces "contributor" and "contribution" with "donor" and "donation". Adds as a requirement for a donation to be exempt from reporting that the donation be deposited in a segregated account not used to fund independent expenditures.</p> <p>Changes the time of reporting to the Secretary of State from the second Monday in April and October to the first Tuesday after the first Monday in June and on January 7 of the following year. Requires special reporting of any expenditure not previously reported in the week prior to an election of \$1,000 or more. Advances reporting deadlines from the 30th day to the seventh day after a primary election except that individuals who become candidates after the primary report the day of the primary instead of the 25th day after it. All expenditures and contributions not previously reported must be reported by the seventh day after a general election. Requires a candidate who is subject to the legislative session fundraising prohibition and who receives money during that prohibited period, to file a report of all monetary contributions received not later than the 7th day after the end of the period.</p> <p>Eliminates the waiver of reporting for political committees that have received no contributions since its last report.</p> <p>Makes unlawful for any person to make an expenditure to repay a loan received from the candidate that includes a rate of interest.</p> <p>Requires reporting of the terms of any loan made by a candidate to the candidate's campaign</p>



	committee and evidence of the loan. Re-writes the prohibition of soliciting, giving or receiving contributions during the legislative session prohibition period, which for everyone other than the governor, lieutenant governor and candidates for those offices is defined for a regular session to run from January 1 through the first day after the end of the session. For the governor lieutenant governor and candidates for those offices runs to the 21st day following adjournment.
<b>Progress:</b>	1st House: Reported from Committees
<b>Status:</b>	02/06/2025 — Senate Calendar
<b>History:</b>	01/22/2025 — S Introduced and referred to Senate Rules. 01/22/2025 — S Also referred to Senate Judiciary. 01/28/2025 — S Reported Do Pass by Senate Rules. 02/06/2025 — S Reported Do Pass by Senate Judiciary.

<b>Bill:</b>	<a href="#">SB124</a>
<b>Sponsors:</b>	Duhigg (D10)
<b>Title:</b>	<b>SUPERINTENDENT OF INSURANCE: CIVIL SUBPOENA POWER</b>
<b>Analysis:</b>	SRC Committee Report 01/31/2025 — Senate Rule Committee amendment to SB124 removes the authority of the Superintendent of Insurance to delegate authority to issue a specific civil investigative subpoena to staff. Goes next to Senate Judiciary Committee.
<b>Progress:</b>	1st House: Reported from Committees
<b>Status:</b>	02/06/2025 — Senate Calendar
<b>History:</b>	01/23/2025 — S Introduced and referred to Senate Rules. 01/23/2025 — S Also referred to Senate Judiciary. 01/31/2025 — S Reported Do Pass as amended by Senate Rules. 02/06/2025 — S Reported Do Pass by Senate Judiciary.

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## Bills Passed at Least One Committee Assignment

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**Bill: HB4****Sponsors:** Chandler (D43); Anaya (D18); Reeb (R64); Brantley (R35)**Title:** CRIMINAL COMPETENCY EVALUATION**Status:** 01/29/2025 — House Judiciary Committee**Bill: HB6****Sponsors:** Szczepanski (D47); Stewart (D17)**Title:** MUNICIPAL & COUNTY INDUSTRIAL REVENUE BOND PROJECTS AND PREVAILING WAGES**Status:** 02/10/2025 — House Calendar**Bill: HB10****Sponsors:** Gallegos, Doreen (D52); Martinez, J. (D11); Armstrong, G. (R49); Matthews (D27); De La Cruz (D12)**Title:** ENFORCEMENT BUREAU AND CANNABIS REGULATIONS**Status:** 02/04/2025 — House Judiciary Committee**Bill: HB11****Sponsors:** Chandler (D43); Stewart (D17); Serrato (D45); Roybal Caballero (D13)**Title:** PAID FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE ACT**Status:** 01/28/2025 — House Commerce and Economic Development Committee**Bill: HB12****Sponsors:** Garratt (D29); Chandler (D43); Duhigg (D10); Berghmans (D15)**Title:** EXTREME RISK FIREARM PROTECTION ORDER CHANGES**Status:** 02/06/2025 — House Calendar**Bill: HB13****Sponsors:** Hochman-Vigil (D15)**Title:** ELECTRIC UTILITIES: REQUIRED PLANS/VIRTUAL POWER PLANT PROGRAMS**Status:** 02/06/2025 — House Judiciary Committee**Bill: HB15****Sponsors:** Anaya (D18); Duhigg (D10)**Title:** HEALTHCARE STRATEGIC RECRUITMENT PROGRAM**Status:** 02/06/2025 — House Appropriations and Finance Committee**Bill: HB16****Sponsors:** Little (D68)**Title:** INCREASING FENTANYL TRAFFICKING PENALTIES**Status:** 02/07/2025 — House Judiciary Committee**Bill: HB19****Sponsors:** Lundstrom (D9)**Title:** TRADE PORTS DEVELOPMENT ACT**Status:** 01/30/2025 — House Taxation and Revenue Committee**Bill: HB21**

**Sponsors:** McQueen (D50); Stefanics (D39)  
**Title:** LAND GRANT-MERCED ASSISTANCE FUND DISTRIBUTION REQUIREMENTS  
**Status:** 01/29/2025 — House Appropriations and Finance Committee

**Bill: HB22**

**Sponsors:** De La Cruz (D12); Hernandez, Joshua (R60); Gurrola (D16)  
**Title:** WAGES: PROHIBITS DEDUCTIONS FROM EMPLOYEE TIPS FOR CREDIT CARD FEES  
**Status:** 02/05/2025 — House Commerce and Economic Development Committee

**Bill: HB24**

**Sponsors:** Garcia, M. (D14); Jaramillo, L. (D5)  
**Title:** LEGAL SERVICES: COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE ATTORNEY CONTRACT AND HIRING CHANGES  
**Status:** 01/29/2025 — House Judiciary Committee

**Bill: HB26**

**Sponsors:** Cates (D44); Szczepanski (D47)  
**Title:** TICKET SCALPING DEFINITION TO INCLUDE NONPROFITS, POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS  
**Status:** 02/10/2025 — House Calendar

**Bill: HB27**

**Sponsors:** Cates (D44); Pope (D23); Anaya (D18); Johnson (D5)  
**Title:** LIBRARIAN PROTECTION ACT: NO BOOK BANNING  
**Status:** 01/29/2025 — House Education Committee

**Bill: HB31**

**Sponsors:** Garratt (D29)  
**Title:** CRIME: MAKING A SHOOTING THREAT  
**Status:** 02/03/2025 — House Judiciary Committee

**Bill: HB32**

**Sponsors:** Sarinana (D21); Gurrola (D16); Lujan (D48); Soules (D37)  
**Title:** ELECTRIC SCHOOL BUSES  
**Status:** 02/07/2025 — House Education Committee

**Bill: HB34**

**Sponsors:** Sarinana (D21); Lujan (D48)  
**Title:** OIL & GAS: EMNRD MANDATE TO PROTECT PUBLIC HEALTH & ENVIRONMENT  
**Status:** 02/03/2025 — House Energy, Environment and Natural Resources Committee

**Bill: HB35**

**Sponsors:** Sarinana (D21); Ferrary (D37)  
**Title:** OIL AND GAS PRODUCTION: CHILDREN'S HEALTH PROTECTION ZONES  
**Status:** 02/05/2025 — House Health and Human Services Committee

**Bill: HB36**

**Sponsors:** Hochman-Vigil (D15); Terrazas (R39); Martinez, J. (D11)  
**Title:** OPTOMETRY BOARD POWERS AND DUTIES EXPANDED  
**Status:** 02/10/2025 — House Calendar

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**Bill: HB38****Sponsors:** Cates (D44); Little (D68)**Title:** CRIME: UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF WEAPON CONVERSION DEVICE**Status:** 02/03/2025 — House Judiciary Committee**Bill: HB39****Sponsors:** Cates (D44)**Title:** FELONY FIREARM POSSESSION AND PRIOR JUVENILE DELINQUENCY**Status:** 02/03/2025 — House Judiciary Committee**Bill: HB40****Sponsors:** Cates (D44); Martinez, A. (R23); Little (D68); Chavez (D26); Thomson (D24)**Title:** TRAVELING WITH DIGNITY ACT: UNIVERSAL ADULT CHANGING STATIONS**Status:** 01/30/2025 — House Commerce and Economic Development Committee**Bill: HB41****Sponsors:** Cates (D44)**Title:** APPROPRIATIONS FROM PUBLIC PROJECT REVOLVING FUND TO OTHER FUNDS**Status:** 01/29/2025 — House Appropriations and Finance Committee**Bill: HB42****Sponsors:** Cates (D44)**Title:** APPROPRIATION: RATE INCREASES FOR MEDICAID WAIVER SERVICE PROVIDERS**Status:** 01/30/2025 — House Appropriations and Finance Committee**Bill: HB46****Sponsors:** Chavez (D26)**Title:** HOSPITAL EQUIPMENT LOAN ACT: REAL PROPERTY AND TAX EXEMPTION CHANGES**Status:** 02/03/2025 — House Taxation and Revenue Committee**Bill: HB47****Sponsors:** De La Cruz (D12); Martinez, A. (R23)**Title:** PROPERTY TAX: VETERAN EXEMPTION CHANGES**Status:** 02/07/2025 — House Calendar**Bill: HB49****Sponsors:** Borrego (D17); Roybal Caballero (D13)**Title:** PUBLIC HEALTH: ACCOMMODATION OF TV CLOSE CAPTIONING**Status:** 02/10/2025 — House Calendar**Bill: HB50****Sponsors:** Borrego (D17)**Title:** COMBINE MOTOR VEHICLE CRIMES FOR SENTENCING**Status:** 02/03/2025 — House Judiciary Committee**Bill: HB51****Sponsors:** Sarinana (D21)**Title:** ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEM TAX CREDITS**Status:** 01/28/2025 — House Taxation and Revenue Committee

**Bill: HB52****Sponsors:** Garcia, M. (D14); Jones (R32); Gonzales (D70)**Title:** EXPANDS RURAL HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONER TAX CREDIT**Status:** 01/30/2025 — House Taxation and Revenue Committee**Bill: HB53****Sponsors:** Herndon (D28)**Title:** APPROPRIATION: VAGUS NERVE STIMULATION FOR MEDICAID RECIPIENTS**Status:** 02/04/2025 — House Appropriations and Finance Committee**Bill: HB54****Sponsors:** Herndon (D28); Gurrola (D16); Roybal Caballero (D13)**Title:** AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS IN ALL HIGH SCHOOLS**Status:** 01/30/2025 — House Education Committee**Bill: HB55****Sponsors:** Herndon (D28)**Title:** APPROPRIATION: MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENTS FOR PERSONAL CARE SERVICES**Status:** 01/30/2025 — House Appropriations and Finance Committee**Bill: HB56****Sponsors:** Herndon (D28); Martinez, A. (R23); Berghmans (D15)**Title:** MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT FOR BIRTH CENTERS**Status:** 01/30/2025 — House Commerce and Economic Development Committee**Bill: HB58****Sponsors:** Herndon (D28); Gurrola (D16)**Title:** APPROPRIATION: MENTAL HEALTH TRAINING AND PROGRAMS IN SCHOOLS**Status:** 01/30/2025 — House Appropriations and Finance Committee**Bill: HB60****Sponsors:** Chandler (D43); Sarinana (D21)**Title:** ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE ACT, RISK & IMPACT STATEMENTS**Status:** 02/03/2025 — House Judiciary Committee**Bill: HB63****Sponsors:** Romero, G. (D10); Stewart (D17)**Title:** PUBLIC SCHOOL FUNDING FORMULA**Status:** 02/04/2025 — House Appropriations and Finance Committee**Bill: HB64****Sponsors:** Chavez (D26); Trujillo (D24); Gurrola (D16)**Title:** EXPAND IMMIGRANT ACCESS TO IN-STATE COLLEGE BENEFITS**Status:** 02/10/2025 — House Commerce and Economic Development Committee**Bill: HB66****Sponsors:** Herndon (D28)**Title:** WORKERS' COMPENSATION: ATTORNEY FEES & DISCOVERY COST INCREASES**Status:** 01/29/2025 — House Judiciary Committee

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**Bill: HB67****Sponsors:** Garratt (D29)**Title:** UNEMPLOYMENT: "REASONABLE ASSURANCE" FOR EDUCATIONAL EMPLOYEES**Status:** 01/29/2025 — House Education Committee

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**Bill: HB68****Sponsors:** Garratt (D29)**Title:** ONE-TO-ONE APPRENTICE TO JOURNEYMAN RATIO FOR CONSTRUCTION TRADES**Status:** 01/29/2025 — House Judiciary Committee

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**Bill: HB69****Sponsors:** Garratt (D29)**Title:** PUBLIC SERVICE LOAN FORGIVENESS MULTIPLIER ACT**Status:** 02/03/2025 — House Education Committee

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**Bill: HB70****Sponsors:** Lujan (D48)**Title:** APPROPRIATION: BEHAVIORAL HEALTH MEDICAID WAIVER ACT**Status:** 02/06/2025 — House Appropriations and Finance Committee

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**Bill: HB72****Sponsors:** Chavez (D26); Duhigg (D10); Thomson (D24)**Title:** MINIMUM NURSING STAFF-TO-PATIENT RATIOS; LEGISLATURE APPROVES RULES**Status:** 02/04/2025 — House Judiciary Committee

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**Bill: HB73****Sponsors:** Anaya (D18); Duhigg (D10)**Title:** NO STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS: DAMAGES RESULTING FROM CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE**Status:** 02/05/2025 — House Judiciary Committee

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**Bill: HB74****Sponsors:** Thomson (D24)**Title:** FIREFIGHTER AND EMERGENCY SERVICE PROVIDER PEER SUPPORT ACT**Status:** 02/03/2025 — House Judiciary Committee

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**Bill: HB75****Sponsors:** Thomson (D24); Johnson (D5)**Title:** FUNDS FOR COUNTY AND TRIBAL HEALTH COUNCILS STATEWIDE**Status:** 02/03/2025 — House Appropriations and Finance Committee

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**Bill: HB76****Sponsors:** Thomson (D24)**Title:** REQUIRE CERTAIN CARDIAC TESTS FOR NEWBORNS AT RISK**Status:** 02/03/2025 — House Consumer and Public Affairs Committee

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**Bill: HB77****Sponsors:** Thomson (D24)**Title:** HCA: SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM OUTREACH

**Status:** 02/03/2025 — House Government, Elections and Indian Affairs Committee

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**Bill:** **HB78**

**Sponsors:** Thomson (D24)

**Title:** DISCRIMINATION PROHIBITED FOR USE OF FEDERAL 340B DRUG PRICING PROGRAM

**Status:** 02/06/2025 — House Judiciary Committee

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**Bill:** **HB79**

**Sponsors:** Thomson (D24)

**Title:** AUDIOLOGY AND SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY INTERSTATE COMPACT

**Status:** 02/03/2025 — House Judiciary Committee

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**Bill:** **HB80**

**Sponsors:** Thomson (D24)

**Title:** AUTO INSURANCE PREMIUMS: PROHIBITS USE OF CREDIT INFORMATION, EDUCATION OR OCCUPATION

**Status:** 02/06/2025 — House Commerce and Economic Development Committee

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**Bill:** **HB81**

**Sponsors:** Thomson (D24)

**Title:** OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY INTERSTATE COMPACT

**Status:** 02/03/2025 — House Judiciary Committee

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**Bill:** **HB82**

**Sponsors:** Thomson (D24)

**Title:** PHYSICAL THERAPY LICENSURE COMPACT

**Status:** 02/03/2025 — House Judiciary Committee

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**Bill:** **HB84**

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

**Title:** EMPLOYEE FREE SPEECH ACT

**Status:** 02/03/2025 — House Judiciary Committee

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**Bill:** **HB85**

**Sponsors:** Cates (D44); Ferrary (D37)

**Title:** PROHIBITS NONFUNCTIONAL TURF ON STATE-OWNED OR -FUNDED PROPERTY

**Status:** 01/29/2025 — House Government, Elections and Indian Affairs Committee

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**Bill:** **HB86**

**Sponsors:** Thomson (D24); Matthews (D27); Sedillo Lopez (D16)

**Title:** HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF CHILDREN

**Status:** 02/05/2025 — House Judiciary Committee

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**Bill:** **HB87**

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

**Title:** CRIMINAL SEXUAL CONTACT WHERE VICTIM IS CLOTHED

**Status:** 02/05/2025 — House Judiciary Committee

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**Bill:** **HB89**

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**Sponsors:** Hochman-Vigil (D15)  
**Title:** GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP ACT ELIGIBILITY AND AWARD CHANGES  
**Status:** 02/05/2025 — House Education Committee

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**Bill:** **HB91**  
**Sponsors:** Ortez (D42); Roybal Caballero (D13)  
**Title:** LOW-INCOME PUBLIC UTILITY RATES  
**Status:** 02/10/2025 — House Energy, Environment and Natural Resources Committee

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**Bill:** **HB92**  
**Sponsors:** Ortez (D42); Sarinana (D21)  
**Title:** FUNDS FOR WATER QUALITY IMPROVEMENTS  
**Status:** 02/05/2025 — House Appropriations and Finance Committee

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**Bill:** **HB93**  
**Sponsors:** Ortez (D42)  
**Title:** PUBLIC UTILITIES: ADVANCED GRID TECHNOLOGY PLANS  
**Status:** 02/10/2025 — House Commerce and Economic Development Committee

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**Bill:** **HB96**  
**Sponsors:** Sanchez, Joseph (D40); Borrego (D17)  
**Title:** TEMPORARY ADDITIONAL PAYMENT TO RETIRED PUBLIC EMPLOYEES  
**Status:** 02/03/2025 — House Appropriations and Finance Committee

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**Bill:** **HB98**  
**Sponsors:** Anyanonu (D19)  
**Title:** EXPUNGEMENT OF EVICTION RECORDS  
**Status:** 02/06/2025 — House Judiciary Committee

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**Bill:** **HB101**  
**Sponsors:** Reeb (R64); Terrazas (R39)  
**Title:** FIREARM POSSESSION BY COMMISSIONED OFFICER AT POLLS  
**Status:** 02/07/2025 — House Judiciary Committee

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**Bill:** **HB102**  
**Sponsors:** Reeb (R64)  
**Title:** VEHICULAR HOMICIDE OR GREAT BODILY HARM A SERIOUS VIOLENT OFFENSE  
**Status:** 02/07/2025 — House Judiciary Committee

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**Bill:** **HB103**  
**Sponsors:** Reeb (R64)  
**Title:** AGGRAVATED BATTERY ON A PEACE OFFICER PENALTY  
**Status:** 02/07/2025 — House Judiciary Committee

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**Bill:** **HB104**  
**Sponsors:** Reeb (R64); Terrazas (R39); Ramos (D28)  
**Title:** ADD PEACE OFFICERS TO VICTIMS OF CRIME ACT  
**Status:** 02/10/2025 — House Judiciary Committee

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**Bill:** **HB106**  
**Sponsors:** Reeb (R64)  
**Title:** CHEMICAL BLOOD TESTING FOR DUI, INCLUDES CANNABIS  
**Status:** 02/06/2025 — House Judiciary Committee

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**Bill:** **HB108**  
**Sponsors:** Orteza (D42); Stefanics (D39); Szczepanski (D47)  
**Title:** STATEWIDE PUBLIC HEALTH AND CLIMATE PROGRAM  
**Status:** 02/06/2025 — House Appropriations and Finance Committee

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**Bill:** **HB109**  
**Sponsors:** Orteza (D42); Stefanics (D39); Szczepanski (D47)  
**Title:** EXTREME WEATHER RESILIENCE FUND  
**Status:** 01/30/2025 — House Appropriations and Finance Committee

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**Bill:** **HB113**  
**Sponsors:** Lujan (D48); Szczepanski (D47); Sanchez, Joseph (D40)  
**Title:** ANIMAL WELFARE PROGRAM AND FUNDS  
**Status:** 02/06/2025 — House Appropriations and Finance Committee

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**Bill:** **HB115**  
**Sponsors:** Ferrary (D37)  
**Title:** APPROPRIATION: RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT SERVICES IN DONA ANA COUNTY  
**Status:** 02/04/2025 — House Appropriations and Finance Committee

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**Bill:** **HB116**  
**Sponsors:** Ferrary (D37)  
**Title:** BEHAVIORAL HEALTH: PAYMENTS FOR BOARDING HOMES  
**Status:** 02/06/2025 — House Appropriations and Finance Committee

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**Bill:** **HB117**  
**Sponsors:** Ferrary (D37)  
**Title:** ALLOW PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS TO CERTIFY DEATH  
**Status:** 02/04/2025 — House Government, Elections and Indian Affairs Committee

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**Bill:** **HB118**  
**Sponsors:** Cates (D44)  
**Title:** PROFESSIONAL RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION ACT: HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS  
**Status:** 02/10/2025 — House Appropriations and Finance Committee

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**Bill:** **HB119**  
**Sponsors:** Cates (D44)  
**Title:** PROCUREMENT CODE CONTRACT AND HEALTH CARE REIMBURSEMENT RATE ADJUSTMENTS  
**Status:** 02/10/2025 — House Appropriations and Finance Committee

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**Bill:** **HB120**  
**Sponsors:** Lujan (D48); Cates (D44)  
**Title:** ACCESSIBILITY ACT AND OFFICE OF ACCESSIBILITY CREATED  
**Status:** 02/10/2025 — House Judiciary Committee

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**Bill: HB123**

**Sponsors:** Little (D68)  
**Title:** UNIFORM COHABITANTS' ECONOMIC REMEDIES ACT  
**Status:** 02/10/2025 — House Judiciary Committee

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**Bill: HB124**

**Sponsors:** Ferrary (D37)  
**Title:** PROBATE CODE: DEATH OF A PROTECTED PERSON, GUARDIAN, OR CONSERVATOR  
**Status:** 02/07/2025 — House Judiciary Committee

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**Bill: HB126**

**Sponsors:** Chatfield (R67); Gonzales (D70)  
**Title:** APPROPRIATION: SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICTS  
**Status:** 02/03/2025 — House Appropriations and Finance Committee

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**Bill: HB127**

**Sponsors:** Chatfield (R67); Terrazas (R39); Jones (R32)  
**Title:** FUNDS FOR DPS LICENSE PLATE READERS  
**Status:** 02/04/2025 — House Appropriations and Finance Committee

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**Bill: HB128**

**Sponsors:** Szczepanski (D47); Roybal Caballero (D13)  
**Title:** LOCAL SOLAR ACCESS FUND  
**Status:** 02/05/2025 — House Appropriations and Finance Committee

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**Bill: HB129**

**Sponsors:** Szczepanski (D47); Roybal Caballero (D13); Chavez (D26)  
**Title:** STATE EMPLOYEES: PROBATIONARY PERIOD REDUCED TO SIX MONTHS  
**Status:** 02/05/2025 — House Government, Elections and Indian Affairs Committee

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**Bill: HB131**

**Sponsors:** Thomson (D24); Sedillo Lopez (D16)  
**Title:** CAREGIVER CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS  
**Status:** 02/10/2025 — House Judiciary Committee

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**Bill: HB132**

**Sponsors:** Reeb (R64)  
**Title:** REPEALS PRIVILEGE TO DEPOSIT WILL FOR CONFIDENTIAL SAFEKEEPING WITH CLERK OF COURT  
**Status:** 02/10/2025 — House Judiciary Committee

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**Bill: HB138**

**Sponsors:** Cates (D44); Jaramillo, L. (D5)  
**Title:** HOSPITAL PATIENT SAFETY ACT  
**Status:** 02/05/2025 — House Health and Human Services Committee

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**Bill: HB140**

**Sponsors:** Chandler (D43); Steinborn (D36)  
**Title:** ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT BOARD: HAZARDOUS WASTE CONSTITUENTS  
**Status:** 02/10/2025 — House Judiciary Committee

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**Bill: HB143**

**Sponsors:** Silva (D53); Steinborn (D36)  
**Title:** LOBBYING ACTIVITY REPORT  
**Status:** 02/10/2025 — House Judiciary Committee

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**Bill: HB146**

**Sponsors:** Hochman-Vigil (D15)  
**Title:** RAILWAY SAFETY ACT  
**Status:** 02/05/2025 — House Transportation, Public Works and Capital Improvements Committee

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**Bill: HB147**

**Sponsors:** Hochman-Vigil (D15); Maestas (D26)  
**Title:** ADDITIONAL JUDGE IN SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
**Status:** 02/06/2025 — House Appropriations and Finance Committee

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**Bill: HB150**

**Sponsors:** Chatfield (R67)  
**Title:** AGRICULTURE: FUNDS TO ASSIST STATE MEAT PROCESSING TECHNOLOGIES  
**Status:** 02/05/2025 — House Appropriations and Finance Committee

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**Bill: HB152**

**Sponsors:** Chavez (D26)  
**Title:** MEDICATION-ASSISTED TREATMENT FOR MINORS  
**Status:** 02/10/2025 — House Appropriations and Finance Committee

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**Bill: HB156**

**Sponsors:** Garratt (D29); Stewart (D17)  
**Title:** INCREASE TEACHER AND COUNSELOR MINIMUM SALARIES  
**Status:** 02/04/2025 — House Appropriations and Finance Committee

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**Bill: HB157**

**Sponsors:** Garratt (D29); Baca, B. (R8); Lara (D34)  
**Title:** SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR LICENSURE AND DEVELOPMENT  
**Status:** 02/06/2025 — House Government, Elections and Indian Affairs Committee

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**Bill: HB158**

**Sponsors:** Sarinana (D21); Pope (D23); Martinez, A. (R23)  
**Title:** MILITARY BASE PLANNING AND IMPACT ACT  
**Status:** 02/07/2025 — House Appropriations and Finance Committee

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**Bill: HB159**

**Sponsors:** Sarinana (D21); Pope (D23); Martinez, A. (R23)  
**Title:** RENEWABLE ENERGY PROJECTS; FAA AND MILITARY NOTICE AND APPROVAL  
**Status:** 02/06/2025 — House Labor, Veterans' and Military Affairs Committee

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**Bill: HB160**

**Sponsors:** Lundstrom (D9); Johnson (D5); Lujan (D48); Lara (D34); De La Cruz (D12)  
**Title:** DRIVERS REQUIRED TO STOP, LOOK AND LISTEN

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**Status:** 02/07/2025 — House Judiciary Committee

**Bill:** [HB161](#)

**Sponsors:** Dow (R38); Block, Jay (D12); Martinez, A. (R23); Lujan (D48); Sarinana (D21)

**Title:** DAY-USE AND CAMPING PASSES FOR STATE PARKS FOR VETERANS

**Status:** 02/03/2025 — House Rural Development, Land Grants and Cultural Affairs Committee

**Bill:** [HB167](#)

**Sponsors:** Garratt (D29); Torres-Velasquez (D30)

**Title:** HED PAY FOR HIGH SCHOOL EQUIVALENCY TESTS AND PREP

**Status:** 02/10/2025 — House Appropriations and Finance Committee

**Bill:** [HB172](#)

**Sponsors:** Dow (R38); Small (D36); Gallegos, Doreen (D52); Jones (R32); Brown (R55)

**Title:** AUGUST DESIGNATED NEW MEXICO RED AND GREEN CHILE MONTH

**Status:** 02/05/2025 — House Government, Elections and Indian Affairs Committee

**Bill:** [HB175](#)

**Sponsors:** Vincent (R56); Orteiz (D42); Terrazas (R39); Dow (R38)

**Title:** FOREST AND WATERSHED BUFFER PROJECTS

**Status:** 02/10/2025 — House Appropriations and Finance Committee

**Bill:** [HB176](#)

**Sponsors:** Vincent (R56); Terrazas (R39); Dow (R38)

**Title:** BACKUP POWER GENERATOR PERSONAL INCOME TAX CREDIT

**Status:** 02/10/2025 — House Taxation and Revenue Committee

**Bill:** [HB179](#)

**Sponsors:** Gallegos, Doreen (D52); Serrato (D45); Herndon (D28); Lundstrom (D9); Johnson (D5)

**Title:** EXTEND SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY GRT DEDUCTION

**Status:** 02/06/2025 — House Taxation and Revenue Committee

**Bill:** [HB182](#)

**Sponsors:** Roybal Caballero (D13); Stefanics (D39)

**Title:** JUDICIAL RETIREMENT FUND

**Status:** 02/04/2025 — House Appropriations and Finance Committee

**Bill:** [HB183](#)

**Sponsors:** Roybal Caballero (D13); Stefanics (D39)

**Title:** MAGISTRATE RETIREMENT ADJUSTMENTS

**Status:** 02/04/2025 — House Appropriations and Finance Committee

**Bill:** [HB191](#)

**Sponsors:** Small (D36)

**Title:** WILDFIRE SUPPRESSION FUND; WILDFIRE PREPAREDNESS FUND

**Status:** 02/07/2025 — House Appropriations and Finance Committee

**Bill:** [HB193](#)

**Sponsors:** Romero, G. (D10); Baca, B. (R8); Garratt (D29); Mirabal Moya (R7); Lara (D34)

**Title:** LESC DUTY TO STUDY STATE EDUCATION SYSTEM  
**Status:** 02/06/2025 — House Government, Elections and Indian Affairs Committee

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**Bill:** **HB201**

**Sponsors:** Herrera (D41); Baca, B. (R8); Romero, G. (D10); Gurrola (D16); Mirabal Moya (R7)  
**Title:** MINIMUM SALARIES FOR ALL SCHOOL EMPLOYEES  
**Status:** 02/06/2025 — House Appropriations and Finance Committee

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**Bill:** **HB202**

**Sponsors:** Hernandez, Joshua (R60); Reeb (R64); Murphy (R59); Martinez, A. (R23); Dixon (D20)  
**Title:** GUN STORAGE INCOME TAX CREDIT  
**Status:** 02/04/2025 — House Taxation and Revenue Committee

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**Bill:** **HB209**

**Sponsors:** Dow (R38)  
**Title:** SUNSHINE PORTAL LINKS TO FUND LAWS  
**Status:** 02/06/2025 — House Appropriations and Finance Committee

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**Bill:** **HB211**

**Sponsors:** Ferrary (D37); Cates (D44); Anaya (D18); Sarinana (D21)  
**Title:** EXPANDS THE NEW SOLAR MARKET DEVELOPMENT INCOME TAX CREDIT  
**Status:** 02/10/2025 — House Taxation and Revenue Committee

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**Bill:** **HB212**

**Sponsors:** Ferrary (D37); Sarinana (D21); Cates (D44); Steinborn (D36)  
**Title:** PER- AND POLY-FLUOROALKYL SUBSTANCES PROTECTION ACT  
**Status:** 02/10/2025 — House Judiciary Committee

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**Bill:** **HB213**

**Sponsors:** Ferrary (D37); Cates (D44); Sarinana (D21)  
**Title:** CREATES SCHOOL SOLAR PERSONAL AND CORPORATE INCOME TAX CREDITS  
**Status:** 02/10/2025 — House Taxation and Revenue Committee

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**Bill:** **HB215**

**Sponsors:** Romero, A. (D46); Rubio (D35)  
**Title:** PROHIBIT RENT PRICE-FIXING THROUGH ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE  
**Status:** 02/06/2025 — House Judiciary Committee

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**Bill:** **HB216**

**Sponsors:** Herndon (D28); Sedillo Lopez (D16)  
**Title:** APPROPRIATION: COMMUNITY-BASED DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROGRAMS  
**Status:** 02/06/2025 — House Appropriations and Finance Committee

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**Bill:** **HB218**

**Sponsors:** Lente (D65)  
**Title:** TAX CODE CLEAN-UP  
**Status:** 02/07/2025 — House Calendar

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**Bill:** **HB220**

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**Sponsors:** Lujan (D48); Sanchez, Joseph (D40)  
**Title:** FIRE RESISTANT CONSTRUCTION  
**Status:** 02/06/2025 — House Judiciary Committee

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**Bill:** **HJR1**  
**Sponsors:** McQueen (D50); Cervantes (D31)  
**Title:** CA: FORTY-FIVE DAY LEGISLATIVE SESSIONS  
**Status:** 01/30/2025 — House Judiciary Committee

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**Bill:** **HJR2**  
**Sponsors:** McQueen (D50)  
**Title:** CA: ELIMINATE POCKET VETO AND REQUIRE VETO MESSAGES  
**Status:** 01/30/2025 — House Judiciary Committee

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**Bill:** **HJR3**  
**Sponsors:** Ferrary (D37); Sedillo Lopez (D16)  
**Title:** CA: DECLARATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL RIGHTS OF THE PEOPLE IN PERPETUITY  
**Status:** 02/05/2025 — House Energy, Environment and Natural Resources Committee

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**Bill:** **HJR5**  
**Sponsors:** Chavez (D26)  
**Title:** CA: CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES COMMISSION  
**Status:** 02/10/2025 — House Health and Human Services Committee

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**Bill:** **HM2**  
**Sponsors:** Garratt (D29); Baca, B. (R8)  
**Title:** EDUCATION DATA GOVERNANCE AND ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE WORKING GROUP  
**Status:** 02/04/2025 — House Calendar

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**Bill:** **SB1**  
**Sponsors:** Stefanics (D39); Munoz (D4); Woods (R7)  
**Title:** BEHAVIORAL HEALTH TRUST FUND AND PROGRAM FUND  
**Status:** 02/05/2025 — Senate Finance Committee

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**Bill:** **SB2**  
**Sponsors:** Shendo (D22); Munoz (D4); Gallegos, David (R41)  
**Title:** APPROPRIATIONS: PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY INITIATIVES  
**Status:** 02/05/2025 — Senate Finance Committee

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**Bill:** **SB3**  
**Sponsors:** Stewart (D17)  
**Title:** BEHAVIORAL HEALTH REFORM AND INVESTMENT ACT  
**Status:** 02/05/2025 — Senate Finance Committee

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**Bill:** **SB4**  
**Sponsors:** Stewart (D17)  
**Title:** SETS STATEWIDE GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS LIMITS  
**Status:** 01/28/2025 — Senate Finance Committee

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**Bill:** SB5  
**Sponsors:** Campos (D8); McQueen (D50); Wirth (D25)  
**Title:** STATE DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE CREATED  
**Status:** 02/10/2025 — Senate Finance Committee

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**Bill:** SB6  
**Sponsors:** Padilla (D14)  
**Title:** CHILDREN: EXPANDS ELIGIBILITY FOR FOSTERING CONNECTIONS PROGRAM  
**Status:** 02/04/2025 — Senate Judiciary Committee

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**Bill:** SB7  
**Sponsors:** Sharer (R1)  
**Title:** MUNICIPAL STORM WATER FACILITIES  
**Status:** 02/04/2025 — Senate Tax, Business and Transportation Committee

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**Bill:** SB8  
**Sponsors:** Woods (R7)  
**Title:** VETERINARY MEDICAL LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM  
**Status:** 02/04/2025 — Senate Finance Committee

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**Bill:** SB9  
**Sponsors:** Soules (D37)  
**Title:** PIPELINE SAFETY ACT PENALTY CHANGES  
**Status:** 02/05/2025 — Senate Judiciary Committee

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**Bill:** SB10  
**Sponsors:** Pope (D23)  
**Title:** ANTI-HAZING ACT  
**Status:** 02/03/2025 — Senate Judiciary Committee

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**Bill:** SB11  
**Sponsors:** Brantley (R35)  
**Title:** FUNDS FOR ANTI-DISTRACTION POLICIES IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
**Status:** 01/30/2025 — Senate Finance Committee

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**Bill:** SB13  
**Sponsors:** Shendo (D22)  
**Title:** PUBLIC EDUCATION: STATE-TRIBAL EDUCATION COMPACT SCHOOLS ACT  
**Status:** 02/03/2025 — Senate Judiciary Committee

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**Bill:** SB17  
**Sponsors:** Jaramillo, L. (D5)  
**Title:** PAROLE AND PAROLE BOARD CHANGES; HOMICIDE HEARINGS  
**Status:** 02/07/2025 — Senate Judiciary Committee

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**Bill:** SB19  
**Sponsors:** Steinborn (D36)  
**Title:** BOARDS OF REGENTS TRAINING REQUIREMENT  
**Status:** 02/07/2025 — Senate Calendar

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**Bill: SB21**

**Sponsors:** Wirth (D25); Ortez (D42)  
**Title:** POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM ACT  
**Status:** 01/30/2025 — Senate Judiciary Committee

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**Bill: SB22**

**Sponsors:** Wirth (D25); Ortez (D42)  
**Title:** WATER QUALITY AND POLLUTION PERMIT REQUIREMENTS  
**Status:** 01/30/2025 — Senate Judiciary Committee

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**Bill: SB23**

**Sponsors:** Munoz (D4)  
**Title:** RAISES ROYALTIES ON NEW OIL AND GAS LEASES IN SOUTHEAST NEW MEXICO  
**Status:** 02/07/2025 — Senate Finance Committee

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**Bill: SB24**

**Sponsors:** Padilla (D14)  
**Title:** PUBLIC WORKS CONSTRUCTION: CONTRIBUTIONS TO APPRENTICE AND TRAINING PROGRAMS  
**Status:** 02/05/2025 — Senate Finance Committee

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**Bill: SB29**

**Sponsors:** Munoz (D4)  
**Title:** APPROPRIATION: WATER PROJECT FUND  
**Status:** 02/05/2025 — Senate Finance Committee

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**Bill: SB30**

**Sponsors:** Stefanics (D39); Martinez, A. (R23)  
**Title:** RESTORES 2 PERCENT COLA TO CERTAIN PERA RETIREES  
**Status:** 02/11/2025 — Senate Finance Committee

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**Bill: SB33**

**Sponsors:** Stefanics (D39); Vincent (R56); Ortez (D42); Gonzales (D70)  
**Title:** WILDFIRE PREPARED ACT AND FUND  
**Status:** 02/05/2025 — Senate Finance Committee

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**Bill: SB36**

**Sponsors:** Sedillo Lopez (D16)  
**Title:** NONDISCLOSURE OF SENSITIVE PERSONAL INFORMATION ACT  
**Status:** 02/07/2025 — Senate Judiciary Committee

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**Bill: SB45**

**Sponsors:** Steinborn (D36)  
**Title:** ADDITIONAL USES OF COUNTY HEALTH CARE INDIGENT FUND  
**Status:** 02/10/2025 — Senate Tax, Business and Transportation Committee

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**Bill: SB47**

**Sponsors:** Jaramillo, L. (D5)  
**Title:** SANTA CRUZ DE LA CANADA LAND GRANT-MERCED  
**Status:** 02/11/2025 — Senate Calendar

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**Bill:** SB48  
**Sponsors:** Stewart (D17)  
**Title:** CREATES AND FUNDS THE COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUND  
**Status:** 02/10/2025 — Senate Finance Committee

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**Bill:** SB49  
**Sponsors:** Stewart (D17)  
**Title:** COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUND TRANSFERS TO STATE AGENCIES  
**Status:** 02/10/2025 — Senate Finance Committee

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**Bill:** SB51  
**Sponsors:** Brantley (R35)  
**Title:** APPROPRIATION: CELLULAR TELEPHONE AND RADIO TOWERS  
**Status:** 02/05/2025 — Senate Finance Committee

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**Bill:** SB52  
**Sponsors:** Soules (D37)  
**Title:** TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT RATES FOR LEGISLATORS AND STAFF  
**Status:** 02/07/2025 — Senate Tax, Business and Transportation Committee

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**Bill:** SB59  
**Sponsors:** Padilla (D14)  
**Title:** PUBLIC WORKS MINIMUM WAGE: OFF-SITE FABRICATORS  
**Status:** 02/07/2025 — Senate Finance Committee

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**Bill:** SB60  
**Sponsors:** Padilla (D14)  
**Title:** HIGH SCHOOL WATER MANAGEMENT PILOT PROJECT  
**Status:** 02/07/2025 — Senate Finance Committee

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**Bill:** SB64  
**Sponsors:** Brandt (R40); Gurrola (D16)  
**Title:** CAREER DEVELOPMENT SUCCESS PILOT PROJECT  
**Status:** 02/05/2025 — Senate Finance Committee

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**Bill:** SB65  
**Sponsors:** Duhigg (D10)  
**Title:** CONSUMER SOLAR PROTECTION ACT  
**Status:** 02/10/2025 — Senate Judiciary Committee

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**Bill:** SB68  
**Sponsors:** Pope (D23)  
**Title:** GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP ACT ELIGIBILITY AND AWARD CHANGES  
**Status:** 02/03/2025 — Senate Finance Committee

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**Bill:** SB69  
**Sponsors:** Pope (D23)  
**Title:** RIGHT TO REPAIR CONSUMER ELECTRONICS ACT

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**Status:** 02/07/2025 — Senate Judiciary Committee

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**Bill:** **SB72**

**Sponsors:** Wirth (D25); Chandler (D43)

**Title:** NONPROFIT CONDO ASSOCIATIONS, REMOTE BUSINESS

**Status:** 02/07/2025 — Senate Judiciary Committee

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**Bill:** **SB73**

**Sponsors:** Sedillo Lopez (D16)

**Title:** REQUIRES BICYCLES TO STOP AT RED LIGHTS, STOP SIGNS & YIELD SIGNS

**Status:** 02/07/2025 — Senate Judiciary Committee

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**Bill:** **SB75**

**Sponsors:** Figueroa (D18)

**Title:** EDUCATIONAL RETIREMENT ACT CHANGES

**Status:** 02/11/2025 — Senate Calendar

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**Bill:** **SB79**

**Sponsors:** Soules (D37)

**Title:** UNLEADED AVIATION FUEL GRANT PROGRAM

**Status:** 02/07/2025 — Senate Finance Committee

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**Bill:** **SB81**

**Sponsors:** Wirth (D25); Vincent (R56)

**Title:** FAIR PLAN ACT REVISIONS

**Status:** 02/10/2025 — Senate Finance Committee

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**Bill:** **SB82**

**Sponsors:** Soules (D37)

**Title:** PUBLIC SCHOOL CAPITAL OUTLAY; LOCAL SHARE CRITERIA

**Status:** 02/03/2025 — Senate Finance Committee

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**Bill:** **SB85**

**Sponsors:** Wirth (D25)

**Title:** CAMPAIGN REPORTING ACT REVISIONS

**Status:** 02/06/2025 — Senate Calendar

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**Bill:** **SB86**

**Sponsors:** Campos (D8)

**Title:** STATEWIDE SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT FUNDS

**Status:** 02/07/2025 — Senate Finance Committee

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**Bill:** **SB93**

**Sponsors:** Padilla (D14)

**Title:** APPROPRIATION TO PED FOR OUT-OF-SCHOOL TIME PROGRAMS

**Status:** 02/03/2025 — Senate Finance Committee

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**Bill:** **SB107**

**Sponsors:** Pope (D23)

**Title:** NMSU CENTER FOR EXCELLENCE, INNOVATION IN STEM  
**Status:** 02/03/2025 — Senate Finance Committee

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**Bill:** **SB109**  
**Sponsors:** Soules (D37)  
**Title:** PRC: AGENCY VS. COMMISSION POWERS AND DUTIES  
**Status:** 01/31/2025 — Senate Judiciary Committee

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**Bill:** **SB116**  
**Sponsors:** Brandt (R40)  
**Title:** SCHOOL MATH LAB PILOT PROJECT  
**Status:** 02/05/2025 — Senate Finance Committee

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**Bill:** **SB124**  
**Sponsors:** Duhigg (D10)  
**Title:** SUPERINTENDENT OF INSURANCE: CIVIL SUBPOENA POWER  
**Status:** 02/06/2025 — Senate Calendar

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**Bill:** **SB130**  
**Sponsors:** Brandt (R40)  
**Title:** ADD CAREER TECHNICAL EDUCATION UNITS TO SEG  
**Status:** 02/05/2025 — Senate Finance Committee

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**Bill:** **SB133**  
**Sponsors:** Stewart (D17)  
**Title:** ERA RETURN TO WORK SALARY CAP  
**Status:** 02/07/2025 — Senate Finance Committee

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**Bill:** **SB135**  
**Sponsors:** Wirth (D25)  
**Title:** TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT FOR LEGISLATORS  
**Status:** 02/11/2025 — Senate Calendar

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**Bill:** **SB136**  
**Sponsors:** Padilla (D14)  
**Title:** SCHOOL FIREARM DETECTION SOFTWARE FUND  
**Status:** 02/05/2025 — Senate Finance Committee

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**Bill:** **SB147**  
**Sponsors:** Pope (D23); Trujillo (D24)  
**Title:** EXCLUSIONARY PRACTICES ACT, CHILDCARE AND PRE-K  
**Status:** 02/10/2025 — Senate Judiciary Committee

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**Bill:** **SB150**  
**Sponsors:** Stefanics (D39); Roybal Caballero (D13)  
**Title:** JUDICIAL RETIREMENT ACT CHANGES  
**Status:** 02/03/2025 — Senate Finance Committee

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**Bill:** **SB151**

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**Sponsors:** Stefanics (D39); Roybal Caballero (D13)  
**Title:** MAGISTRATE RETIREMENT ADJUSTMENTS  
**Status:** 02/03/2025 — Senate Finance Committee

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**Bill:** **SB161**  
**Sponsors:** Padilla (D14)  
**Title:** CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS: MILITARY YOUTH PROGRAMS  
**Status:** 02/11/2025 — Senate Calendar

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**Bill:** **SB191**  
**Sponsors:** Trujillo (D24)  
**Title:** APPROPRIATION: COMMUNITY-BASED DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROGRAMS  
**Status:** 02/03/2025 — Senate Finance Committee

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**Bill:** **SB220**  
**Sponsors:** Woods (R7)  
**Title:** RISK MANAGEMENT DIVISION: LEGAL SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT PUBLICATION  
**Status:** 02/06/2025 — Senate Finance Committee

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**Bill:** **SB237**  
**Sponsors:** Stewart (D17)  
**Title:** APPROPRIATION: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. COMMISSION  
**Status:** 02/10/2025 — Senate Finance Committee

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**Bill:** **SB242**  
**Sponsors:** Stewart (D17)  
**Title:** ADVANCING THE SCIENCE OF READING ACT  
**Status:** 02/07/2025 — Senate Finance Committee

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**Bill:** **SB245**  
**Sponsors:** Maestas (D26)  
**Title:** CHARTER SCHOOL BOARDS OF FINANCE AND AUDITS  
**Status:** 02/10/2025 — Senate Finance Committee

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**Bill:** **SB282**  
**Sponsors:** Cervantes (D31)  
**Title:** GUARDIAN AD LITEM FOR STRUCTURED SETTLEMENT TRANSFERS  
**Status:** 02/11/2025 — Senate Finance Committee

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**Bill:** **SB301**  
**Sponsors:** Paul (R33)  
**Title:** COURT EMERGENCY PROPERTY RESERVE FUND  
**Status:** 02/11/2025 — Senate Finance Committee

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**Bill:** **SJM1**  
**Sponsors:** Padilla (D14)  
**Title:** JOINT MEMORIAL: DEVELOP FOREST RESTORATION & WOOD PRODUCTS ECONOMY  
**Status:** 01/31/2025 — Senate Conservation Committee

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**Bill:** [SJR1](#)

**Sponsors:** Sanchez, Joseph (D40); Wirth (D25); Garratt (D29)

**Title:** CA: CITIZEN COMMISSION ON LEGISLATIVE SALARIES

**Status:** 02/05/2025 — Senate Finance Committee

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**Bill:** [SJR7](#)

**Sponsors:** Steinborn (D36)

**Title:** CA: NOMINATING COMMITTEES FOR BOARDS OF REGENTS

**Status:** 02/07/2025 — Senate Judiciary Committee

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