

Employment Laws

HB 100- Peace Officer Survivor's Benefits-increases the amount of survivor's death benefits for the families of peace officers killed in the line of duty.

HM3 & SMI- Paid Family Leave and Medical Leave Task Force- a memorial requesting the workforce solutions department to convene a task force to finish the work of recommending legislation for paid family and medical leave and report to the governor and the legislature by October 1, 2022. **Implementing this legislation will hurt NM business growth.** First committee is Jan. 27th.

HB86- Law Enforcement Retention Fund- a measure that would provide a 5% pay increase every 5 years to New Mexico police officers. This nonpartisan legislation has already passed the first committee on Jan. 24th and is now in the House Appropriations & Finance Committee.

Energy

HJR2& SJR2- Environmental Rights Act- a joint resolution proposing to amend the Constitution of New Mexico by adding a new section of article 2 that provides the people of the state with environmental rights, including the right to a clean and healthy environment, **i.e., higher taxes, fines and fees for businesses and NM residents.**

HB6-Clean Future Act- an act relating to climate; enacting the clean future act; establishing greenhouse gas emissions limits; requiring reporting; providing powers and duties; enacting new sections of the air quality control act; **i.e.,higher taxes, fines and fees for businesses and NM residents.**

SB14- Enacting the Clean Fuel Standard Act- an act relating to the environment; enacting the clean fuel standard act; providing for the establishment of a clean fuel standard for transportation fuels; directing the environmental improvement board to promulgate rules to implement the clean... **i.e., higher taxes, fines and fees for businesses and NM residents.**

HM20 & SM10- Study State-Level Public Utility Model. A memorial requesting the New Mexico legislative council, in conjunction with the public regulation commission, to conduct and oversee a study to determine the public, ratepayer, environmental and economic benefits and costs. **These memorials could potentially be a step towards a government takeover of NM utilities.**

NM Tax Code

SB5 Reducing Rates of Gross Receipts Tax- This governor backed legislation proposes to reduce GRT by .25 percent. **Any little reduction will help businesses and NM Residents.**

HJR6- Veteran Property Tax Exemption- proposes to extend veterans property tax exemptions to those who have less than 100 percent disability.

HB76& SB 85- Tax Exemption for Military Retirement Pay- relating to taxation; providing an income tax exemption in an amount equal to thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) of military retirement pay.

HB 48, HB49, SB108& SB121- Exempt Social Security from Income Tax- will exempt our elderly population on paying income tax on their Social Security Income. **"NM is one of only 12 states that tax Social Security and it needs to stop."-NMBC**

Public Safety

HB5& HB27- Pretrial Release Conditions- relating to pretrial detention; establishing a presumption that the prosecution has proven by clear and convincing evidence that a person is dangerous and no release conditions will reasonably protect the safety of any other person or the community. **This is an attempt to address the dangerous revolving door that was created from the Bail Reform Constitutional Amendment passed in 2016.**

SB117- Statute of Limitations for Certain Sex Crimes-eliminating the statute of limitations for actions for damages due to childhood sexual abuse; to include retroactively.

HB25& HB79-Change Some Statutes of Limitations- the first bill adjusts the statute of limitations for drug offences and 2nd degree murder, while the second bill only adjusts the statute of limitations for 2nd degree murder.

HB96- Violence Intervention Program Act- requests an appropriation for funding to create a program that assists state agencies, counties, municipalities, tribal government in addressing violent crimes.

State's Rights

SB8- New Voting Rules- This bill is built to extend "Voters Rights" to convicts, allow for 16-year-olds to vote, and creates a permanent absentee voter list. Pretty much diminishes the integrity of our vote. The actual bill has not been posted to the website, but a full update will be sent soon.

HJR3-Termination of State of Emergency- "This proposed amendment to the New Mexico constitution would limit the governor's ability to evoke 'emergency powers' to 90 days without legislative approval. Given the current 'emergency' orders have been place for nearly two years - this proposed change to our constitution is needed." NMBC

SB62- Senior Snap Cost of Living- provides an increase to the snap benefit amounts received by elderly residents of NM. **Our elderly population was having a difficult time affording food prior to rising inflation costs, they could definitely use some assistance.**

HB91-Prohibit Critical Race Theory Teaching- "would prohibit the teaching of Critical Race Theory in New Mexico schools. It is unlikely to pass this year."- Rio Grande Foundation

FAQ's

What does HB, HJR, HM or SB, SJR & SB mean?

H- House of Representatives

S- Senate

Bill- The form, used to propose laws, that has been introduced in the legislature and may originate in either house. Bills create, empower, impose duties or obligations, prohibit acts, appropriate money or do any combination of these things.

Joint Resolution- A formal declaration of the legislature concerning a certain subject it cannot or does not wish to control by law. Resolutions are either joint, concurrent or simple, and require no action on the part of the governor. The most common resolution is a joint resolution proposing an amendment to the constitution of New Mexico. Resolutions may also be used to propose or ratify amendments to the United States constitution and other specified purposes.

Memorial- A formal expression of legislative desire, usually addressed to another governmental body, in the form of a petition or declaration of intent. A memorial does not have the force of law. Memorials can be either joint or simple and require no action on the part of the governor. Joint memorials are acted on by both houses. Simple memorials are those of only one house and do not require the approval or acquiescence of the other house.

[Glossary of Legislative Terms](#)

What does the color coding signify?

Green- these are measures that the NMFRW should put support behind.

Red- these are measures that the NMFRW should work to stop.

Yellow- indicates a warning and the NMFRW should be preparing to stop it in this session or the next.

Why are there multiple bills with the same or similar names?

Legislators will present bills with a similar name but the language of the bill may vary because they believe it may have a better chance of passing with different language or there may be a bipartisan agenda behind the action. Or, you have a member of the senate and a member of the house introduce the same legislation hoping for a better chance of one or both houses passing the bill.

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