

## NMSU Office of Government Relations 2018 Mid-Session Legislative Report

We are now past the midpoint of the 2018 legislative session. The session began on January 16, 2018 and will finish on February 15, 2018. Since this is an even-numbered year, the legislature is meeting for a 30-day session. During a 30-day session a New Mexico constitution limits legislation that can be considered budget, appropriation and revenue bills. However, the Governor can determine some items or bills to be germane and in that case are declared so by special message.

### REVENUE

The Legislative Finance Committee has received good news during the most recent revenue estimates from the Consensus Revenue Estimating Group (CREG)

On December 4, 2017, the CREG estimated **\$199 million** in “new money” for FY19, which was an **increase of \$174 million** from the CREG’s August 2017 revenue estimate.

On January 25, 2018 the CREG announced that a spike in revenue produced an estimate of **\$292 million** in new money, which is an increase of **\$93 million** from the December forecast. The total budget for FY19 was estimated to increase to \$6.374 billion, which is a 2% increase over the December estimate of a \$6.281 billion.

The increase in revenue estimates was due to an increase in gross state product, heavily influenced by rising oil prices and production. (Source: Legislative Finance hearing Brief January 25, 2018)

#### **2018 Session Consensus General Fund Recurring Revenue Outlook** (in millions of dollars)

	<b>FY18 Budget</b>	<b>FY19 Budget</b>
December 2017 Consensus	\$6,090.7	\$6,281.3
January 2018 Consensus	\$6,248.6	\$6,374.6
Annual percent change	6.2%	2.0%

### GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS

The House of Representatives completed action on the budget bill, HB2 on January 31. The \$6.3 billion will include 1% new money for Instruction & General (I&G) and 4% to be distributed through the funding formula. It also includes **2% compensation for faculty and staff**, and **\$4 million for the Legislative Lottery**, and **flat funding for NMSU Non I&G line items**. The House-passed HB2 includes a total of \$191.7 million for the NMSU system in FY19, which is a \$1.1 million increase over the adjusted FY18 budget last year. The FY19 NMSU budget is also an increase of \$1.9 million from the Executive recommendation, and also \$1.6 million more than recommended by the Legislative Finance Committee. The Council of University Presidents requested a total of 2% new money and 4% redistribution for the funding formula and has requested an additional 1% new money (\$5.6 million) in the Senate.



NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM Recurring Appropriations For FY19 - HB2 General Appropriations Act (in thousands)							
Institution / Program	FY18 Adjusted OpBud	Executive	Legislative Finance Committee	House Passed	Dollar Change		
					Executive vs FY18 Adj	LFC vs FY18 Adj	House vs FY18 Adj
<b>Main I&amp;G</b>	109,438.5	109,141.8	109,255.6	110,304.7	(296.7)	(182.9)	866.2
Athletics	3,117.6	3,117.6	3,117.6	3,117.6	0.0	0.0	0.0
Educational television and public radio	1,006.7	1,006.7	1,006.7	1,006.7	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>Alamogordo I&amp;G</b>	7,036.2	6,760.1	6,866.3	6,894.2	(276.1)	(169.9)	(142.0)
<b>Carlsbad I&amp;G</b>	3,860.0	3,820.4	3,835.6	3,868.2	(39.6)	(24.4)	8.2
<b>Dona Ana I&amp;G</b>	21,387.3	21,334.1	21,354.5	21,560.2	(53.2)	(32.8)	172.9
<b>Grants I&amp;G</b>	3,320.1	3,230.8	3,265.2	3,284.6	(89.3)	(54.9)	(35.5)
NM Department of Agriculture	10,956.4	10,956.4	10,956.4	10,956.4	0.0	0.0	0.0
Agricultural Experiment Station	13,512.0	13,512.0	13,512.0	13,762.0 <sup>1</sup>	0.0	0.0	250.0
Cooperative Extension Service	12,491.4	12,491.4	12,491.4	12,491.4	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>Research and Public Service Projects</b>							
STEM Alliance for Minority Participation	302.4	302.4	302.4	302.4	0.0	0.0	0.0
Mental Health Nurse Practitioner	643.9	643.9	643.9	643.9	0.0	0.0	0.0
Indian Resources Development	274.4	274.4	274.4	274.4	0.0	0.0	0.0
Manufacturing Sector Development	505.8	505.8	505.8	505.8	0.0	0.0	0.0
Arrowhead Center	310.2	310.2	310.2	310.2	0.0	0.0	0.0
Nurse Expansion	700.2	700.2	700.2	700.2	0.0	0.0	0.0
Economic Development Doctorate	91.4	91.4	91.4	91.4	0.0	0.0	0.0
Alliance Teaching & Learning Adv.	138.6	138.6	138.6	138.6	0.0	0.0	0.0
Water Resource Research Institute	615.6	615.6	615.6	615.6	0.0	0.0	0.0
WRRRI Matching Funds (non Recurring)	0.0	0.0	0.0	300.0	0.0	0.0	300.0
College Assistance Migrant Program	199.8	199.8	199.8	199.8	0.0	0.0	0.0
Clean Drinking Water Technology	Inc. WRRRI	Inc. WRRRI	Inc. WRRRI	Inc. WRRRI	Inc. WRRRI	Inc. WRRRI	Inc. WRRRI
Carlsbad Manufacturing Sector Dev.	216.6	216.6	216.6	216.6	0.0	0.0	0.0
Carlsbad Nurse Expansion	108.9	108.9	108.9	108.9	0.0	0.0	0.0
Dona Ana Dental Hygiene Program	206.0	206.0	206.0	206.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Dona Ana Nurse Expansion	193.5	193.5	193.5	193.5	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>Total NMSU (exc. WRRRI Non Recurring)</b>	<b>190,633.5</b>	<b>189,878.6</b>	<b>190,168.6</b>	<b>191,753.3</b>	<b>(754.9)</b>	<b>(464.9)</b>	<b>1,119.8</b>

Note: Does not include 2% compensation as adopted by the HAFc.  
<sup>1</sup> Includes 250,000 to expand programs for detection, eradication and mitigation of pecan weevil and other agricultural pests.

In addition to the 1% I&G increase in the Senate we are also requesting \$274,000 for operations of the Sunspot Solar Observatory. The House-passed bill did not include the requested funding.

The table below illustrates the ending balances when comparing the LFC recommendation, which used the December revenue estimates as a starting point with \$199 million in new money and the House-passed bill with \$292 million in new money. The LFC recommendation includes an estimated appropriation of \$6,142.3 million while the House-passed bill appropriates \$6,260.7 million for FY19 an increase of \$118 million. The House-passed bill also includes \$171.7 million in FY18 supplemental in deficiencies while the LFC recommended \$54.5 million. The House-passed bill leaves \$642.8 million in the reserves or 10.2% (reserves as a percent of recurring appropriations).

General Fund Summary LFC FY19 and House Passed Summaries (millions of dollars)						
	<u>Prelim.</u> <u>FY 2017</u>	<u>Est. LFC Budget Rec</u>		<u>Estimate House -passed</u>		
		<u>FY 2018</u>	<u>FY 2019</u>	<u>FY 2018</u>	<u>FY 2019</u>	
<b>REVENUE</b>						
December 2017 Consensus Revenue Forecast	\$ 5,885.4	\$ 6,090.7	\$ 6,281.3	\$ 6,090.7	\$ 6,281.3	
Recurring Revenue						
2018 Mid-Session Update	\$ -	\$ 157.9	\$ 93.3	\$ 157.9	\$ 93.3	
Nonrecurring Revenue	\$ 575.7	\$ 68.2	\$ -	\$ 64.2	\$ -	
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$ 6,461.1</b>	<b>\$ 6,316.8</b>	<b>\$ 6,374.6</b>	<b>\$ 6,312.8</b>	<b>\$ 6,374.6</b>	
<b>APPROPRIATIONS</b>						
Recurring Appropriations	\$ 6,103.6	\$ 6,087.8 <sup>1</sup>	\$ 6,260.7	\$ 6,087.8 <sup>1</sup>	\$ 6,323.2	
Nonrecurring Appropriations	\$ 26.1	\$ 54.5		\$ 171.7		
<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS</b>	<b>\$ 6,129.7</b>	<b>\$ 6,142.3</b>	<b>\$ 6,260.7</b>	<b>\$ 6,259.5</b>	<b>\$ 6,323.2</b>	
Transfer to (from) Reserves	\$ 331.4	\$ 174.5	\$ 113.9	\$ 53.3	\$ 51.4	
<b>GENERAL FUND RESERVES</b>						
Beginning Balances	\$ 147.7	\$ 504.9	\$ 678.9	\$ 504.9	\$ 557.7	
Transfers from (to) Appropriations Account	\$ 331.4	\$ 174.5	\$ 113.9	\$ 53.3	\$ 51.4	
Other adjustments	\$ 25.8	\$ (0.5)	\$ 33.7	\$ (0.5)	\$ 33.7	
Ending Balances	\$ 504.9	\$ 678.9	\$ 826.5	\$ 557.7	\$ 642.8	
<i>Reserves as a Percent of Recurring Appropriations</i>	8.2%	11.1%	13.2%	8.9%	10.2%	
<sup>1</sup> Includes \$6,082,000,300 appropriation from the 2017 Regular and Special Session recurring appropriations and \$5.6 million for the 2018 Feed Bill.  Note: New money went from \$199 million in the December Consensus Revenue Estimate to \$292 million in the mid-session report.  Source: Legislative Finance Committee General Fund Financial Summaries for LFC recommendation and Post HAFC Hearing						

## **Lottery**

Last year, the Council of University Presidents (CUP) recommended to decouple tuition from lottery. The CUP supports SB 140 and HB 270 sponsored by Senator Soules and Rep. Jim Smith, respectively. Both bills provide a simple mechanism for decoupling tuition from lottery without impacting student out-of-pocket expenses when compared to the FY18 lottery award amounts. The Legislative Finance Committee endorsed a decoupling bill (HB 178) however, this bill negatively impacted students attending 4-year institutions. The bill doubled the award amount for students in the 2-year sector that had an impact of shifting over \$1.0 million in out-of-pocket costs to students in the 4 year sector and reducing costs for 2-year students (mostly benefiting students in the Independent sector). House Bill 178 failed on a Do Pass motion by a vote of 4-7.

## **SENATE BILL 94 GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND PROJECTS**

Senate Bill 94 has been introduced and includes General Obligation projects that if approved will be on the election ballot in November. The current amount in SB 94 for the NMSU system is \$4.6 million less than recommended by the Higher Education Department. For all higher education institutions, including 4-year, Branch, Independent, Special and Tribal schools, the HED recommended a total of \$108,775,000, compared to only \$71,000,000 included in SB 4, a decrease of about \$38 million.

At issue is \$49 million that was included in the LFC framework and is currently slated to go to the Department of Transportation for road improvements in SB 94. However, some legislators consider that the General Obligation Bonds is not the appropriate place for funding for road improvements and it remains to be seen if the transportation funding will remain in the bill. If the funding is removed, it would free up some of the GOB capacity for higher education projects including the possibility of restoring funding for the NMSU projects at the requested level.

<b>CAPITAL OUTLAY REQUESTS - NMSU SYSTEM</b>					
2018 Legislative Session					
		<b>NMSU Request</b>	<b>Higher Education Department</b>	<b>Legislative Finance Committee</b>	<b>SB 94 Introduced</b>
<b>NMSU-LAS CRUCES</b>					
1	Agricultural Modernization and Educational Facilities	<b>\$25,000,000</b>	\$20,000,000	<b>\$16,000,000</b>	<b>\$16,000,000</b>
<b>NMSU-ALAMOGORDO</b>					
1	Site Improvements, roof repair/replacement and lighting	<b>\$1,400,000</b>	\$1,400,000	<b>\$1,000,000</b>	<b>\$1,000,000</b>
<b>NMSU-CARLSBAD</b>					
1	Site Improvements to include design installation of drainage system	<b>\$1,000,000</b>	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
<b>NMSU-DACC</b>					
1	Infrastructure Upgrades and Replacement	<b>\$1,700,000</b>	\$1,700,000	<b>\$1,500,000</b>	<b>\$1,500,000</b>
<b>NMSU-GRANTS</b>					
1	Martinez Hall Renovations	<b>\$1,700,000</b>	\$1,500,000	<b>\$1,500,000</b>	<b>\$1,500,000</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$30,800,000</b>	<b>\$25,600,000</b>	<b>\$21,000,000</b>	<b>\$21,000,000</b>

There are a number of bills that have been introduced that impact NMSU and NMDA. OGR keeps a bill tracking sheet of these bills. To see the list and for day-to-day legislative updates, go to our website.

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Bill ID	Duplicate/ Similar Bills	Short Title	Long Title	Summary	Sponsor
HB 2	HB 131 SB 246	General Appropriation Act of 2018	Making general appropriations and authorizing expenditures by state agencies required by law.	General appropriations for FY19. The House-passed bill includes an increase of \$1.1 million above the FY18 appropriated level for the NMSU system. The House-passed bill also includes \$300,000 in non recurring funding for the Water Resources Research Institute, and \$4.0 million transfer to the Legislative Lottery Fund.	Patricia A. Lundstrom
HB 23		Additional Graduation Requirements	Relating to public schools; requiring that students apply to a post-secondary education institution or commit to an internship, apprenticeship or military service prior to graduation; authorizing reconciliation of multiple amendments to the same section of law.	requires that all public schools add an additional graduation requirement: requiring students to file an application for admission with a college or show commitment to an internship, apprenticeship, or military science.	Nate Gentry & Daniel A. Ivey- Soto
HB 55		Fire Fighter Survivor Scholarship Benefits	Relating to higher education; expanding the benefits and school options for recipients of the fire fighter and peace officer survivors scholarship.	requires that all public schools add an additional graduation requirement, requiring students to file an application for admission with a college or show commitment to an internship, apprenticeship, or military science.	Tim D. Lewis and Patricio Ruiloba and Bill B. O'Neill
HB 84		Educational Use of Social Security Numbers	Relating to public education; prohibiting the use of social security numbers in certain education-related functions	prohibits the use of social security numbers in certain education-related function. The bill defines an educational data system unifying pre-kindergarten through post-education and creating a council to implement and create guidelines for implementation.	Dennis J. Roch
HB 85		Sick Leave for Educational Retirement Credit	Relating to educational retirement; allowing educational retirement program members to convert unused sick leave to service credit.	Enacts a new section of the Educational Retirement Act to allow members eligible for retirement benefits to pay to have unused sick leave converted to service credit up to a maximum of six days of unused sick leave per year and four quarters of earned service credit. The cost would be the expected value of the benefit under ERB's current actuarial assumptions.	Dennis J. Roch
HB 102		Teacher Loan Repayment	Relating to teacher loan repayment; allocating revenue for loan repayment for certain teachers.	will increase the allocation of revenue for repayment of certain teacher from 27% to 29% and seventy-five hundredths percent of gross revenue. Defining the year of service as a teacher from a level two or level three A.	Patricio Ruiloba
HB 131	HB 2 SB 246	General Appropriation Act of 2018	Making general appropriations and authorizing expenditures by state agencies required by law.	Amounts represent LFC Recommendation. I&G appropriations are based on a 4% redistribution of the I&G funding base and does not recommend any new funding for the formula. The Non I&G/RPSP appropriations are equal to the FY18 funded amounts (no Charges). Section 5 Special Appropriations (line 46) states that \$300K of the general fund appropriations to go to WRRR, contingent on matching funds from other sources (to be expended in FY18 and FY19; to revert at end of FY19). Section 8(c) includes a Compensation increase of 1.5% for state government, including Higher Education (overall, Higher Ed compensation is funded at \$6,451,400).	George Dodge Jr.
HB 147		Transmitting of Lottery Funds	Relating to public finance; providing for the elimination of the thirty percent monthly transfer from sale of lottery games; providing a sunset and a return to the thirty percent transfer requirement following any fiscal year that the new Mexico lottery authority does not meet transfer requirements; allowing the new Mexico lottery authority to transmit lottery tuition funds on a monthly basis; setting a deadline for transfer of net revenue.	House Bill 147, eliminates the thirty percent monthly transfer from sale of lottery games. Replacing with a sunset and return to the thirty percent transfer requirement. If the total amount transmitted is less than thirty-eight million, then the authority will transmit at least thirty percent of the gross revenue. Amendment adopted in HEC stating the following changes providing a sunset and a return to the thirty percent transfer requirement if the authority does not meet the thirty-eight million floor; includes a deadline for transfer of net revenue for unclaimed lottery prizes to revert to the lottery tuition fund;	James E. Smith
HB 150	SB 218	College Affordability Endowment Fund	Making an appropriation to the college affordability endowment fund.	Would appropriate (\$2,000,000) two million from the general fund to the college affordability endowment fund, a portion of which is transferred annually to the college affordability scholarship fund. The funding formula is a proportionate distribution based on unduplicated headcounts for the following population.	G. Andres Romero
HB 178	SB 140; HB 270	Lottery Scholarship Changes	Relating to Higher education; making changes to the legislative lottery tuition scholarship program to extend its financial solvency; changing awards to flat rates; providing for supplemental awards under certain circumstances; eliminating reference to legacy students. <b>(Bill died)</b>	HB 178 decouples tuition from lottery and doubles the distribution provided to students at 2 year institutions. Increases the fund balance from \$2.0 million to \$5.0 million and allows the secretary to increase lottery awards if the \$5.0 million balance is maintained for two consecutive years; eliminates legacy students (students that were grandfathered in 2014). This bill negatively affects students attending 4-year institutions by increasing the amount they paid out-of-pocket by an estimated \$1.3 million and would reduce the amount paid by two-year students by a similar amount - mostly benefitting students in the Independent 2-year subsector. Bill was heard and failed on a due pass motion (4-7). <b>(Bill died)</b>	Larry A. Larranaga
HB 179		Career-Technical Teacher development	Relating to school personnel; requiring professional development for career-technical teachers and educational assistants in the same manner as teachers of other subjects for which the public education department has promulgated standards and benchmarks; requiring the use of federal every student succeeds act title 2 funding for career- technical professional development.	HB 179 is identical to HB 133 and was introduced by the same representative. HB 179 is identical to HB 133 and was introduced by the same representative. The original bill provides for professional development of career-technical teachers and educational assistants. Current bill HB133 makes minor grammar edits and adds four sections related to the framework that licensed school employees; HED and IHE's are expected to follow in the training. As part of the additions, organizations can now provide specific subject-area expertise. All are required to provide guidelines and best practices for training that meets workforce needs and transitions to post-secondary education and the workforce; guidelines to develop CTE courses and pathways to job markets and internship experiences; and guidelines to train CTE teachers and assistants at the same level as other subjects with state required standards and benchmarks. Funding will come from all available funding sources and the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). Funding will come from all available funding sources and the every student succeeds act.	Sheryl Williams Stapleton
HB 199			Making an appropriation to the economic development department for the solo-worker program.	This bill makes an appropriation from the general fund to the economic Development Department (EDD) in the amount of \$1.5 million for the Solo Worker Program. The Solo Works Centers program model currently in place in New Mexico has enhanced the Digital Works model in an effort to engage the communities in a more meaningful way, get community buy-in and to build safety nets to address the more social challenges associated with program. While current data does not suggest it is a cost effective model for New Mexico, there are some communities that may have the resources and financial capability to run this type of program. It is also important to emphasize that the Solo Works Centers model is one program model that could be eligible for funding through the NM Solo Works Program at EDD. If additional funding is appropriated to the NM Solo Worker Program, EDD will work toward transitioning the pilot program to a more structured, formalized program. That would shift the program to a completely performance based program with robust performance metrics.	Harry Garcia and Eliseo Lee Alcon

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HB 204		Advanced Placement Policies & Reporting	Relating to higher education; requiring public post-secondary educational institutions to accept for credit passing scores on the college board advanced placement examinations; requiring the higher education department to report institutional advanced placement policies to the legislature and the governor.	An act relating to higher education; requiring public post-secondary educational institutions to accept for credit passing scores on the College Board advanced placement examinations; requiring the higher education department to report institutional advanced placement policies to the Legislature and the Governor	G. Andres Romero
HB 209		Counseling & Therapy License Requirements	Relating to professional licensure; amending a section of the counseling and therapy practice act to update definitions relating to education and experience requirements.	Section 61-9A-3 NMSA 1978 is amended to correct misspelled words and grammar and one addition to definitions. In addition, the changes to the definitions add human services; family services as a "counseling-related field" and as a "substance abuse-related field". This is problematic because these fields of study are not counseling-related nor substance abuse-related fields. Plus, human and family studies are already included in the law. It is not clear that these are different.	D. Wonda Johnson and Tomas E. Salazar and Eliseo Lee Alcon and Harry Garcia and Patricia A. Lundstrom
HB 214	SB 217	Pecan Buyers Licensure Act	Relating to agriculture; enacting the pecan buyers licensure act; creating an in-shell pecan buyer's license; providing powers and duties to the new Mexico department of agriculture, peace officers and in-shell pecan buyers; enacting criminal penalties for violations of the pecan buyers licensure act and for larceny of pecans.	House Bill 214 enacts the Pecan Buyers Licensure Act creating an in-shell pecan buyer's license; provides powers and duties to the New Mexico Department of Agriculture (NMDA), peace officers and in-shell pecan buyers; enacts criminal penalties for violations of the Act and for larceny of pecans. The effective date of these provisions is July 1, 2018.	Yvette Herrell and James G. Townsend and Bealquin Bill Gomez
HB 218		Additional & Withheld Sunshine Portal Info	Relating to the sunshine portal; expanding the information required to be posted on the sunshine portal; providing for withholding certain information on the sunshine portal or other transparency website.	Related to the Sunshine Portal; expanding the information required to be posted; provides withholding certain information on the portal or other related transparency website.	Kelly K. Fajardo
HB 227		Soil & Water Conservation District Levies	Relating to special districts; expanding the term and increasing the amount of potential levy assessed by a soil and water conservation district.	This bill amends Section 73-20-46 to increase the amount a SWCD may levy from one dollar (\$1.00) to five dollars (\$5.00) per thousand dollars (\$1,000) of next taxable value. Further, this bill eliminates the sunset clause that limits the levy to ten years and strikes additional language related to the sunset clause. The effective date of this bill is July 1, 2018.	Debbie A. Rodella
HB 270	SB 140 HB 178	Lottery Scholarship Awards & Tuition Costs	Relating to the legislative lottery tuition scholarship; decoupling scholarship award amounts from tuition costs.	Duplicate bill HB 178	James E. Smith and Rod Montoya
HB 303		Educational Economic Development Reporting	Relating to higher education; requiring reporting by educational institutions and the higher education department on economic development programs.	A public post-secondary educational institution that administers or provides facilities for a program to support economic development or entrepreneurship, to create jobs or to develop intellectual property shall: (1) in consultation with the higher education department, develop performance metrics for the program that measure, as applicable, the number of: (a) jobs created; and (b) public or private investments made in the region or state in connection with the program;	Bill McCamley
HB 306		Severance Tax Bond Projects	Relating to capital expenditures; authorizing the issuance of severance tax bonds; authorizing expenditures from certain funds and balances; clarifying conditions for the issuance of bonds; establishing conditions for the expenditure of severance tax bond proceeds; establishing conditions for the reversion of unexpended balances; making appropriations; declaring an emergency.		Carl Trujillo
HM 1		Science and Technology Tourism Trail	Requesting the tourism department to develop a "science and technology tourism trail".	A Memorial requesting the addition of a tourism trail that focuses specifically on the science and technology that is available around the state of New Mexico.	Matthew McQueen
HM 46		Dual Credit Program Task Force	Requesting the higher education department and the public education department to convene a task force to study funding for the dual credit program and to recommend a sustainable strategy to promote the growth and expansion of the dual credit program.	This memorial requests that the Higher Education Department and the Public Education Department convene a task force to study funding for the dual credit program and make recommendations for sustainability as well as promoting the growth of the program.	Nathan P. Small
SB 1		Nurse Licensure Compact	Relating to health care; enacting the nurse licensure compact; making conforming changes to the nursing practice act; repealing sections of the NMSA 1978; declaring an emergency. <b>(Governor signed on 01/18/2018)</b>	This bill addresses a critical situation for nursing in New Mexico by enacting the Nurse Licensure Compact allowing the cooperation of party states in the areas of nurse licensure and regulation. It includes exchanging information among states and repeals certain sections of the NMSA 1978. <b>(Governor signed on 01/18/2018)</b>	Gay G. Kernan and Stuart Ingle and Howie C. Morales
SB 5		Water Resources Research Institute	Making an appropriation for the water resources research institute.	SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION--One million dollars (\$1,000,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the board of regents of New Mexico state university for expenditure in fiscal year 2019 for the water resources research institute. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2019 shall revert to the general fund.	Mary Kay Papen
SB 55		Study Northeastern NM Water Resources	making an appropriation for the department of animal and range sciences of new Mexico state university to study ground water resources in Colfax, Harding, mora and union counties.	The aim of this Bill is to develop accurate groundwater resource data sets for northeastern New Mexico, an underserved rural area that includes Union, Colfax, Mora and Harding Counties. This work reflects a proactive effort by these communities and agricultural producers to lead the way in adapting agricultural management practices and community mindsets to understand and properly utilize groundwater resources and the future potential of these resources. Specifically, the data sets will focus on determining fluctuations in the quantity and quality of groundwater resources throughout the region building on collaborative ongoing work between NMSU's Animal and Range Science Department and geologists working with communities and agencies in the Four County area. This work is related to conservation-oriented agricultural practices that use linked data sets that include rangeland health, animal health, watershed health, and groundwater resources to make informed decisions.	Pat Woods and Dennis J. Roch
SB 84		NM Reconnect Scholarship Act	Relating to higher education; enacting the new Mexico reconnect scholarship act; providing certain students with tuition scholarships to attend community college; making an appropriation.	The NM Reconnect Scholarship Act makes an appropriation (\$5.8 million) to fund scholarships for students who meet one of nine criteria and who have not completed a degree to attend a community college. The Higher Education Department is charged with the administration of this scholarship fund. HED can use up to \$75K for administrative purposes. Initial guidelines for the scholarship are included.	Bill Tallman

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SB 94		General Obligation Bond Projects	Relating to general obligation bonds; authorizing the issuance and sale of capital projects general obligation bonds to make capital expenditures for senior citizen facility improvements and acquisitions, for library acquisitions, for the purchase of school buses, for construction and improvement of roads in department of transportation districts 1 through 5 and for capital improvements and acquisitions at institutions of higher education, state special schools and tribal schools; providing for a property tax levy for payment of principal of, interest on and certain costs related to the bonds; requiring approval of the registered voters at the 2018 general election of the state; declaring emergency.	Agricultural Modernization and Educational Facilities \$25,000,000; NMSU-A Site improvements, roof repair/replacement and lighting \$1,400,000; NMSU-C Campus wide site improvements to include design and installation of drainage \$1,000,000; NMSU-DACC Infrastructure upgrades and replacement \$1,700,000; NMSU-G Martinez Hall renovations \$1,700,000.	Carlos R. Cisneros
SB 108		Adult Educational Opportunities	Making an appropriation to the higher education department to fund adult educational opportunities that will support and enhance economic opportunities for families.	An act making a one-time appropriation of \$500,000, from the general fund to the Higher Education Department, to fund adult educational opportunities that will support and enhance economic opportunities for families.	Elizabeth "Liz" Stefanics
SB 115		Research Grant Closing Fund	Relating to higher education; creating a research grants closing fund; providing for a competitive application process; providing for a review panel; making an appropriation.	This bill appropriates \$1 million to the research closing fund to provide researchers at the state's universities with required matching funds needed to receive research grants from a public or private source. HED will create rules and administer the process for researchers to apply for these funds through a competitive review process.	William P. Soules
SB 140	HB 178 HB 270	Lottery Scholarship Awards & Tuition Costs	Relating to the legislative lottery tuition scholarship; decoupling scholarship award amounts from tuition costs.	Senate Bill 140, is in relation to the legislative lottery tuition scholarship. SB 140 decouples the legislative lottery tuition scholarship award amounts from tuition costs. This bill was requested by CUP. The companion bill is HB 270	William P. Soules
SB 168		Mental Health & Suicide Info to Students	Relating to higher education; requiring public post-secondary educational institutions to provide information on mental health and suicide prevention services to entering students; making an appropriation.	Senate Bill 168 allocates \$10,000 from the general fund to the Higher Education Department for Expenditure in 2017 to develop or compile information pertaining to mental health and suicide for use by public post-secondary educational institutions.	Mary Kay Papen
SB 217	HB 218	Pecan Buyers Licensure Act	Relating to agriculture; enacting the pecan buyers licensure act; creating an in-shell pecan buyer's license; providing powers and duties to the new Mexico department of agriculture, peace officers and in-shell pecan buyers; enacting criminal penalties of	Duplicate HB 218	Cliff R. Pirtle and George K. Munoz
SB 218	HB 150	College Affordability Endowment Fund	Making an appropriation to the college affordability endowment fund.	Duplicate HB 150	Howie C. Morales
SB 246	HB 131	General Appropriation Act of 2018	Making general appropriations and authorizing expenditures by state agencies required by law.	Duplicate HB 131	John Arthur Smith
SJR 1		Nominating Process for Boards of Regents, CA	Proposing an amendment to article 12, section 13 of the constitution of New Mexico to provide for nominating committees for all appointed and reappointed members of boards of regents of state educational institutions.	Proposes and Amendment to the Constitution, if approved by the citizens of the New Mexico, that would give the legislature the power to establish a nominating committee that select nominees from which the Governor must choose to appoint to the various Boards of Regents for the state institutions of higher learning. The nominating committee would also select nominees for the student regent. Amended: Section 1, B. The governor shall nominate from a list of at least three names provided by a separate nominating committee for each institution as established by law and with the consent of the senate shall appoint the members of each board of regents for each of the institutions. Section 1, C. The governor shall select, with the advice and consent of the senate, a student member from a list of at least three names provided by a nominating committee established by law.	Jeff Steinborn and Mark Moores
SJR 8		Higher Ed Boards of Regents Changes, CA	Proposing an amendment to article 12, section 13 of the constitution of New Mexico to increase and make uniform the number of members of boards of regents of institutions of higher education and to decrease their terms of office.	This bill seeks a constitutional amendment that if passed by the voters would amend Article 12, Section 11 to increase the number of regents from five to seven, including the addition of a faculty member regents. The term of each newly appointed non-student regent terms would be four years, reduced from six years as it is now. The student regent's term would be four years of less to insure staggered terms.	Jeff Steinborn
SJR 13		Removal of Educational Regents, CA	Proposing an amendment to article 12, section 13 of the constitution of New Mexico to provide for the removal of regents of state educational institutions for violations of conflict of interest standards established by law.	Proposes an amendment to Article 12, Section 13 of the state constitution to provide for the removal of regents of state educational institutions for violations of conflict of interest standards established by law. The resolution is to be submitted for approval by the people of the state in the next general election (November 2018) or any special election called for that purpose.	Linda M. Lopez
SJR 17		Terms for Boards of Regents, CA	Proposing an amendment to Article 12, Section 13 of the constitution of New Mexico to provide for four-year terms of office for all nonstudent members of boards of regents of state educational institutions.		Jeff Steinborn
SM 44		NM Health Council System Task Force	Requesting the new Mexico alliance of health councils to convene a new Mexico health council system task force to analyze the work of the county and tribal health councils in relation to the maternal and child health plan act, as amended in 2007, and to recommend steps to strengthen the structure, effectiveness and sustainability of county and tribal health councils in identifying and addressing the health needs of new Mexico communities.	Requesting the New Mexico Alliance of Health Councils to convene a New Mexico Health Council system task force to analyze the work of the county and tribal health council in relation to the maternal and child health plan act, as amended in 2007, and to recommend steps to strengthen the structure, effectiveness and sustainability of county and tribal health councils in identifying and addressing the health needs of New Mexico communities.	Elizabeth "Liz" Stefanics and Gerald Ortiz y Pino
SM 51		Garrey E. Carruthers, In Recognition	Recognizing the accomplishments of Garrey E. Carruthers, PH.D.	Recognizing Dr. Garrey Carruthers for his years of service and accomplishments.	Mary Kay Papen and John Arthur Smith