

The 2015 legislative session opened to a very changed environment. For the first time in 60 years Republicans control the House of Representatives. [Follow this link to see the leadership of the House and Senate.](#)

Budget Proposals

In the past there have been at least two competing budget proposals presented at the opening of legislative sessions. Under Democratic control the House Education Committee created an education budget, House bill 3; however, this year that won't happen. The education budget will be crafted by the [House Appropriations and Finance Committee](#) as a part of creating [House Bill 2](#). The Legislative Finance Committee, an interim committee of the legislature also proposed a budget. [This link compares that proposal with that of the Governor.](#) However, most early proposals were based on a changing revenue picture. Early projections of \$280 million new general fund dollars were reduced to \$145 million at the start of the legislature and are likely to be greatly reduced when new revenue forecasts are produced in response to falling oil prices. Some on the appropriations committees fear that the new dollars may drop to near zero before the budget is actually passed!

Several proposed bills direct target organized labor and public employee unions. The first one to be heard will be [HB 75](#) EMPLOYEE PREFERENCE ACT sponsored by Representative [Dennis J. Roch](#). This measure establishes so-called right to work in New Mexico. This measure will be heard in the [Business and Employment Committee](#) of the House on Thursday, January 29 at 8:30 AM. Contact committee members to oppose this anti-worker legislation.

Bill Number	Title	Sponsor	NEA-New Mexico Position
HB 15	LIMIT SCHOOL DAYS FOR STATEWIDE TESTS	Bill McCamley	Support
HB 16	SURTAX ON CERTAIN CORPORATIONS	Bill McCamley	Support
HB 20	RAISE MINIMUM WAGE	Luciano "Lucky" Varela	Support
HB 29	DUTY TO REPORT CHILD ABUSE OR NEGLECT	Brian F. Egolf, Jr.	Watch
HB 41	SCHOOL GRADE PROMOTION & RETENTION	Monica Youngblood	Oppose
HB 56	CHILD CARE TEACHER RETENTION	Christine Trujillo	Watch
HB 61	VOTING VERIFICATION PROCEDURES	James E. Smith	Oppose
HB 62	VOTER REGISTRATION INFO VERIFICATION	James E. Smith Daniel A. Ivey-Soto	Watch
HB 71	STREAMLINE TEACHER & ADMINISTRATOR LICENSURE	Tim D. Lewis	Oppose
HB 73	SCHOOL BUS SECURITY & GPS SYSTEMS	Christine Trujillo	Support

<u>HB 74</u>	PUBLIC EDUCATION COMMISSION AS INDEPENDENT	<u>Christine Trujillo</u>	Support
<u>HB 75</u>	EMPLOYEE PREFERENCE ACT	<u>Dennis J. Roch</u>	Oppose
<u>HB 76</u>	TEACHER LICENSURE LEVELS & ADVANCEMENT	<u>Dennis J. Roch</u>	Oppose
<u>HB 80</u>	PUBLIC WORKS PROJECT WAGES THROUGH SURVEY	<u>William "Bill" R. Rehm</u>	Oppose
<u>HB 82</u>	SCHOOL ACADEMIC & ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS	<u>Christine Trujillo</u>	Watch
<u>HB 96</u>	NM GROWN PRODUCE FOR SCHOOL MEALS	<u>Jimmie C. Hall</u>	Support
<u>HB 110</u>	NEW TAX BRACKET & INCOME TAX RATES	<u>Bill McCamley</u>	Support
<u>HB 117</u>	NO DRIVING FOR CERTAIN STUDENTS	<u>Jimmie C. Hall</u>	watch
<u>HB 129</u>	CLARIFY SCHOOL TEST INDIVIDUAL CHOICE	<u>Stephanie Garcia</u> <u>Richard</u>	Support
<u>HB 137</u>	REDUCE INCOME TAX & CREATE NEW BRACKETS	<u>Miguel P. Garcia</u>	Support
<u>HB 138</u>	INCREASE MINIMUM WAGE	<u>Miguel P. Garcia</u>	Support
<u>HB 140</u>	PRIVATE SCHOOL STUDENT ACTIVITIES UNIT	<u>James R.J. Strickler</u>	Watch
<u>HB 144</u>	TEACHER & SCHOOL LEADER EFFECTIVENESS ACT	<u>James E. Smith</u>	Oppose
<u>HJM 3</u>	STANDARDIZED TEST CONTRACT FUND REPORTS	<u>Bill McCamley</u>	Support
<u>HJR 2</u>	LIMIT SCHOOL CLASS SIZE, CA	<u>Stephanie Garcia</u> <u>Richard</u>	Support
<u>HJR 4</u>	BOARD OF EDUCATION & SUPERINTENDENT, CA	<u>Roberto "Bobby" J. Gonzales</u>	Support
<u>HM 6</u>	COLLEGE STUDENTS AS 3RD GRADE READING MENTORS	<u>Jim R. Trujillo</u>	Support
<u>SB 8</u>	CHARTER SCHOOL EDUCATION TECH EQUIPMENT	<u>Carlos R. Cisneros</u> <u>Roberto "Bobby" J. Gonzales</u>	Watch
<u>SB 10</u>	RAISE MINIMUM WAGE	<u>Clemente Sanchez</u>	Watch

<u>SB 11</u>	SCHOLARSHIP FOR NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARS	<u>Jacob Candelaria</u>	Watch
<u>SB 20</u>	PAID LEAVE FOR PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES	<u>Michael Padilla</u>	Support
<u>SB 37</u>	SOCIAL WORKERS IN CERTAIN SCHOOLS	<u>Michael Padilla</u>	Support
<u>*SB 44</u>	SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH CENTERS	<u>Gerald Ortiz y Pino</u>	Watch
<u>SB 56</u>	UNITARY CORPORATION COMBINED TAX REPORTING	<u>Peter Wirth</u>	Support
<u>SB 57</u>	UNITARY CORP. RESTAURANT TAX REPORTING	<u>Peter Wirth</u>	Support
<u>SB 58</u>	CAMPAIGN PUBLIC FINANCING CHANGES	<u>Peter Wirth</u>	Watch
<u>SB 66</u>	SCHOOL GRADE PROMOTION & RETENTION	<u>Gay G. Kernan</u>	Watch
<u>SB 86</u>	CHILD CARE TEACHER RETENTION	<u>Nancy Rodriguez</u>	Watch
<u>SB 91</u>	TEACHER LICENSURE LEVELS & ADVANCEMENT	<u>Mark Moores</u>	Oppose
<u>SB 92</u>	EMPLOYEE PREFERENCE ACT	<u>Sander Rue</u>	Oppose
<u>SB 93</u>	NO PUBLIC EMPLOYEE UNION DUES FROM PAYROLL	<u>Sander Rue</u>	Oppose
<u>SB 102</u>	PRIVATE SCHOOL ACTIVITIES PROGRAM UNIT	<u>William E. Sharer</u>	Watch
<u>SB 103</u>	EMPLOYEE PREFERENCE	<u>William E. Sharer</u>	Oppose
<u>SB 105</u>	COUNTY GROSS RECEIPTS FOR SCHOOL IMPROVEMENTS	<u>Richard C. Martinez</u>	Watch
<u>SB 126</u>	LEVEL 3-B TEACHER LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS	<u>Mimi Stewart</u>	Watch
<u>SB 127</u>	DEVELOPMENT OF END-OF-COURSE TESTS BY TEACHER	<u>Mimi Stewart</u>	Support
<u>SB 128</u>	PUBLIC SCHOOL CAPITAL OUTLAY BUILDING NEEDS	<u>Mimi Stewart</u>	WEatch
<u>SB 129</u>	SCHOOL DISTRICT LIENS ON SOME SCHOOL BUSES	<u>Mimi Stewart</u>	Watch
<u>SB 130</u>			Watch

	PUBLIC SCHOOL LEASE PURCHASE ACT DEFINITIONS	Mimi Stewart	
SB 148	CHARTER SCHOOL RESPONSIBILITIES	Mimi Stewart	Watch
SB 149	EARLY LITERACY ACT	Mimi Stewart	Support
SB 152	HEALTH SECURITY ACT	Howie C. Morales	Watch
SB 153	STREAMLINE TEACHER ADMINISTRATIVE LICENSURE	Sue Wilson Beffort	Oppose
SB 157	HIGH SCHOOL WORK FORCE ASSESSMENT SYSTEM	Mary Kay Papen	Support
*SB 161	SCIENCE EARLY EDUCATION PILOT PROGRAM	Mary Kay Papen	Support
SB 169	RETIREE HEALTH CARE CONTRIBUTION RATES	Gay G. Kernan	Watch
SB 173	GRADES 4-10 WEB-BASED MATH PROGRAM	Carlos R. Cisneros	Watch
SB 182	INCORPORATE ARTS INTO K-12 EDUCATION	Cisco McSorley	Watch
SB 183	EMPLOYEE PREFERENCE ACT	William E. Sharer	Oppose
SB 186	RESTORE FUNDING FORMULA VOCATION DIFFERENTIAL	Linda M. Lopez	Support
SB 187	PHYSICAL ED IN EQUALIZATION GUARANTEE	Linda M. Lopez	Support
SB 196	DISCONTINUE COMMON CORE STANDARDS	Linda M. Lopez	Watch
SB 197	HIGH SCHOOL WATER CONSERVATION PROGRAM	Michael Padilla	Support
SB 200	SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY ACT CHANGES	Clemente Sanchez	Support
SB 201	SCHOOL BUS FUEL GROSS RECEIPTS	John M. Sapien	Watch
SB 202	PUBLIC EDUCATION DATA ADVISORY COUNCIL	John M. Sapien	Support
SB 203	CERTAIN STUDENTS TESTED IN NATIVE LANGUAGE	John M. Sapien	Support
SB 205	DELAY USE OF CERTAIN TEST IN TEACHER EVALS	John M. Sapien	Support
SB 207	PROHIBIT SOME EDUCATION FEES & ALLOW OTHERS	Craig Brandt	Support

<u>SM 2</u>	COLLEGE STUDENTS AS 3RD GRADE READING MENTORS	<u>Linda M. Lopez</u>	Support
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