

Legislative Update

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[SB 344](#): Carried by [Senator William Tallman](#), this bill would create a new tax bracket for New Mexicans claiming more than \$125,000 in taxable income and \$250,000 for those who file jointly. The additional earnings from this tax bracket would be directed towards early childhood education as well as funding for New Mexico's K-12 schools. The measure received a do-pass recommendation from the [Senate Education Committee](#) on a straight party-line vote, Democrats voting for and Republicans against. About half of the nearly 200 million new dollars raised would be directed to public schools and half to early childhood programs. The next step is the [Senate Corporations and Transportation Committee](#). Ask committee members to support this investment in our future.

[House Joint Resolution 1](#) received a do-pass recommendation from the House Local Government Committee today on a straight party line vote, Democrats for and Republicans against. This constitutional amendment would provide increased funding from the land grant permanent fund for early childhood programs and, for two years, additional funding for public schools. Its next step is the [House Judiciary committee](#). Tell committee members that this is an important investment in our future.

HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Wednesday, February 15, 2017 - 8:30 a.m. - Room 309

HB 185	LIMIT STATEWIDE SCHOOL TESTING DAYS- Support	(FERRARY)
HB 249	COLLEGE SPECIAL EVENT GROSS RECEIPTS-No Position	(MARTINEZ R./FERRARY)
HB 258	JUNIOR ROTC INSTRUCTOR LICENSURE-No Position	(RUILOBA)

HB 267	EXEMPT COLLEGE CERTAIN PROPRIETARY INFO-No Position	(TRUJILLO CA/HAR
HB 273	CHARTER SCHOOL CHANGES-No Position	(SMITH/IVEY-SOTO
HB 114	READING IMPROVEMENT PLANS & INTERVENTIONS-Oppose	(YOUNGBLOOD)

SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Wednesday, February 15, 2017 - 8:30 a.m. - Room 311

SB 243 Position	RESTRICT CERTAIN HIGHER ED EXPENDITURES-No Munoz
SB 219 Position	DEFINE& REQUIRE SCHOOL ETHNIC STUDIES-No Lopez
SB 251 PARENTS-No Position	CERTAIN STUDENT MISCONDUCT REPORTS TO Lopez
SB 276 Position	LOTTERY SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS & APPLICATIONS-No Sapien
SB 305 Oppose	CHARTER SCHOOL EQUALIZATION GUARANTEE- Sapien
SB 313 Support	CHARTER SCHOOL FACILITIES & LEASES- Sapien
SB 379 Position	NM-GROWN FRESH PRODUCE IN SCHOOL MEALS-No Woods
SJM 8 Support	STUDY DIFFERENT HIGHER ED GOVERNANCE- Sapien
SJM 11 Support	COLLECT SCHOOL PHYSICAL ED DATA- Stewart
SJR 17 Support	EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION DEPT., CA- Padill

Please let members know our positions of these measures.

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