

Legislative Update February 8

Special Saturday House Education Committee Meeting

House Education Committee Chair Stephanie Garcia Richard (NEA-NM member) invites all teachers to testify in person this Saturday before that Committee about the teacher evaluation system in New Mexico. There are four bills now before the House Education Committee addressing teacher evaluation, and the Committee is going to hear this all together in one hearing this Saturday.

The Committee will meet in Room 307, 9 a.m. to noon.

Please encourage member - teachers to attend and bring their stories.

The Chair requests teachers focus their comments on these questions:

- What is "teacher effectiveness" and how do we measure it for evaluation purposes?
- Do the observation parts of NM Teach work well to improve your teaching?
- Can the many intangible things teachers do to inspire a love of learning and self-confidence etc., be measured for use in evaluations? If so, how?
- What in the current evaluation system helps inform (and improve) your teaching? What does not?

Here are the bills to be heard and our position:

HB 125 TEACHER & PRINCIPAL EVALUATION SYSTEM -support	Stapleton
HB 158 TEACHER EVALUATION PILOT PROJECT-Support	Garcia Richard
HB 163 SCHOOL GRADE TEST SCORES & UNEXCUSED ABSENCES-Support	Sariñana
HB 241 USE OF ATTENDANCE IN TEACHER EVALUATIONS -Support	Harper
HB 248 SCHOOL EMPLOYEE EVALUATION STANDARDS-Support	CH Trujillo