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Sponsoring Organization(s): AFT NM (American Federation of Teachers)	
Brief Description of Proposed Legislation: The legislature finds that as of 2009, the challenges posed by low wages and insufficient training, the availability of quality childcare and early education in the state needs improvement. This legislation would create a collective bargaining unit comprised of childcare workers, childcare educators and directors and the AFT NM.	
Background: The legislature intends to address these areas in need of improvement by creating the possibility for a new relationship between childcare workers, childcare educators and directors with the state. Child care workers, child educators and directors are to be given the opportunity to work collectively to improve standards in their profession and to open up opportunities for educational advancement to ensure continuous quality improvement in the delivery of early learning services.	
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What other organizations are you working with you to support this legislation? We are working with other labor organizations and doing outreach with several community partners to ensure support.	
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Brief Description of Proposed Legislation: PRIORITY - Department of Health and Human Services Department - Maintain funding for all Developmental Delay and Developmental Disability services to avoid reductions in eligibility, services and provider reimbursement rates.	
Background: Due to the decline of our state and national economies, the Executive has ordered state agencies to reduce operating budgets by at least 5%. Children with, or at risk of, developmental delays and children and adults with developmental disabilities are some of our state's most vulnerable individuals. Any reductions would be detrimental to individuals receiving services and impede agencies abilities to continue providing quality service options. Some agencies have lost the ability to provide health insurance benefits to all of their employees; many agencies have high turnover rates; all agencies have experienced significant increases in the costs of providing quality services in home and community based settings. Reductions in eligibility, services and reimbursement rates would jeopardize the developmental delay and disability service systems and open the door for costly litigation.	
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Brief Description of Proposed Legislation: \$150,000 appropriation request - General Services Department - State Use Act - Provide the infrastructure and staffing necessary, within the State Purchasing Division, to establish the State Use program to expand employment opportunities for persons with disabilities.	
Background: The State Use Act mandates that preference be given in the procurement of services, from state and local government entities, to qualified individuals with disabilities and non-profit community rehabilitation agencies. The purpose of the State Use Act is to expand employment opportunities for persons with disabilities. The unemployment rate for persons with disabilities residing in New Mexico is 46.5%, according to the 2000 U.S. Census. Persons with disabilities want to work, but face unacceptable levels of under or unemployment.	
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Brief Description of Proposed Legislation: \$3,326,000 appropriation request - Department of Health - Developmental Disability Medicaid Waiver program - Cost of living allowance for direct support services, contracted through the Developmental Disabilities Medicaid Waiver program, to improve staff recruitment and retention, comply with minimum wage laws, meet rising programmatic and operational costs and address unfunded requirements.	
Background: Providers that deliver direct support services through the Developmental Disabilities Medicaid Waiver program do not receive annual cost of living allowances. However, the costs of providing quality services rises annually. Funds would be utilized to address staff salaries and benefits, maintain quality services and partially address unfunded mandates.	
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Brief Description of Proposed Legislation: \$5,900,000 appropriation request - Department of Health - Family Infant Toddler program - Fully fund the Family Infant Toddler program Sustainability Plan recommendations for early intervention services to improve staff recruitment and retention, meet rising programmatic and operational costs and serve additional children, per entitlement mandates.											
Background: The Family Infant Toddler program provides supports to children from birth to 3, with or at risk of developmental delays, and their families. Per the Department of Health's request, a funding Sustainability Plan was developed for services provided through the Family Infant Toddler program. The Plan, based on a funding formula adopted by the public schools, provides a mechanism for future funding of the program. The FIT formula is designed to meet increases in the number of children served and the rising costs of providing quality care. Funds would be utilized to address staff salaries and benefits, improve recruitment and retention and meet rising programmatic and operational costs. The Family Infant Toddler program is an entitlement program; waiting lists for services cannot be maintained.											
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Brief Description of Proposed Legislation: \$1,500,000 appropriation request - Department of Health - Developmental Disabilities State General Fund program - Move towards rate equity between services funded through the Developmental Disabilities State General Fund and the Developmental Disabilities Medicaid Waiver programs.	
Background: Many of the services provided through the Developmental Disabilities State General Fund program have lower reimbursement rates than similar services funded through the Developmental Disabilities Medicaid Waiver program. Because of this inequity, only traditional, non-profit agencies provide State General Fund services. Achieving rate equity is necessary to ensure the continuation of these important services to persons with developmental disabilities, many of which are aging and have growing needs. Funds would be utilized to address staff salaries and benefits, improve recruitment and retention, meet rising programmatic and operational costs, and partially address unfunded mandates.	
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Sponsoring Organization(s): Attorney General, SFUDP Alliance, Prevention Advocates	
Brief Description of Proposed Legislation: The Attorney General's Underage Drinking Prevention Initiative includes five proposals to prevent and reduce underage drinking: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Prohibit alcohol consumption/intoxication by minors. 2. Ban caffeinated alcohol ('energy drinks') 3. Regulate alcohol advertising to youth 4. Apply correct tax to flavored malt beverages (aka alcopops) and direct additional funds to underage drinking prevention programs 5. Expand county option for taxing alcohol and dedicate revenue to fund prevention programs and treatment of alcoholism and drug abuse 	
Background: Underage drinking is a serious and dangerous problem in New Mexico. Underage drinking cost citizens of NM \$243 million in 2005. The 2007 YRRS reported that 43% of high school students were current drinkers and two-thirds of current drinkers were binge drinkers. New Mexico had the highest rate in the nation for youth drinking alcohol before the age of 13 (31%). Underage drinkers risk permanent damage to their developing brains, and youth who start drinking before age 15 have a 40% chance of becoming alcohol dependent, five times that of those who start after 21. Binge drinking is associated with many risks including DWI, violence (including suicide and homicide), sexual assault, unplanned pregnancy and STDs and other drug use. The prevention of underage drinking requires a multi-faceted approach reflected in the proposed legislation: including increased enforcement; higher alcohol taxes; reduced exposure to ads and products targeted at youth and more prevention and treatment programs.	
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What other organizations are you working with you to support this legislation? NM Association of Counties and their DWI Affiliates; Prevention Advocates includes many local organizations such as the Albuquerque Partnership and the San Juan Community Partnership; Santa Fe Underage Drinking Prevention Alliance includes local law enforcement, schools, hospital and other health care providers, and the Santa Fe Community Partnership	
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Sponsoring Organization(s): Drug Policy Alliance New Mexico						
Brief Description of Proposed Legislation: New Mexico can embrace a public health approach to substance abuse, instead of relying on the criminal justice system. Under this legislation, people arrested for drug possession or people with drug-related probation or parole violations would receive supervision and appropriate community-based treatment services in lieu of incarceration. Offering substance abuse treatment instead of incarceration would enhance public safety by reducing drug-related crime and save New Mexico taxpayers millions of dollars every year.						
Background: Rather than a system that sends people with addictions to jail or prison to learn how to commit more serious crimes, New Mexico could implement a public health policy that gets to the root of the our substance abuse problems. Under this legislation, people charged with drug possession offenses or drug-related probation and parole violations could receive substance abuse treatment services instead of incarceration. This proposal could save New Mexico's taxpayers up to \$18,335,680 each year. In addition to saving money, this policy will improve public safety, and provide a more effective tool to address substance abuse in our communities.						
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Brief Description of Proposed Legislation: This proposal would allow everyone the right to register to vote, including individuals currently incarcerated or those with felony convictions. People who have served their sentences continue to have their voter registrations denied despite a law allowing people to register to vote who completed all conditions of their parole and/or probation in New Mexico. All New Mexico residents, regardless of criminal conviction history, should be eligible to register to vote in our state.	
Background: People with felony convictions who have completed all conditions of their parole and/or probation are eligible to register to vote in New Mexico. Despite having this law, people who have served their sentences continue to have their voter registrations denied. Denying prisoners the right to vote does not increase public safety, and may prove counterproductive by undermining a prisoner's successful reintegration into society. This proposal would allow everyone the right to register to vote, including individuals currently incarcerated or those with felony convictions. The proposal would also allow people in jail who have never been convicted to register to vote.	
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Brief Description of Proposed Legislation: Success in combating drugs should not be defined by arrests, prosecutions, or incarceration rates of nonviolent individuals struggling with drug addictions, but rather on successful rehabilitation in treatment programs and decreases in recidivism rates. This memorial will convene a taskforce to examine our current approach to drug policy, its costs, and whether New Mexico could get a better return on our investment with a public health approach to drugs and drug use.	
Background: New Mexico must begin to change the ways we assess the war on drugs and drug use in our state. Success in combating drugs should not be defined by arrests, prosecutions, or incarceration rates of nonviolent individuals struggling with drug addictions, but rather on successful rehabilitation in treatment and detoxification programs, as well as decreases in recidivism rates. This memorial will convene a taskforce to examine our current approach to drug policy, its costs, and whether New Mexico could get a better return on our investment with a public health approach to drugs and drug use.	
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Brief Description of Proposed Legislation: This employment reentry proposal will 'ban the box' for state positions in New Mexico. By 'banning the box,' the question on state job applications asking if the person has ever been convicted of a felony will be removed. People with former convictions will be considered on equal status as other applicants and be given a better chance to find and secure employment.	
Background: To help remove some of the barriers people with criminal convictions face to successfully find and secure a job, we propose 'banning the box' for state positions in New Mexico. By 'banning the box,' the question on state job applications asking if the person has ever been convicted of a felony will be removed. Applicants will be considered on equal status with other job applicants, and only during the finalist interview process will a criminal background check be completed if it is relevant or required for the position.	
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Sponsoring Organization(s): Drug Policy Alliance New Mexico	
Brief Description of Proposed Legislation: One of the biggest barriers for individuals returning from jail or prison is finding employment. A practical solution to reduce barriers to employment for people released from jail or prison is to assist employers willing to hire people with convictions. This proposal will implement statewide tax-incentives for employers and businesses that hire people with criminal convictions.	
Background: We must take practical steps to remove barriers to employment to not only facilitate the integration of people released from jail or prison into our communities, but also to make our communities safer by decreasing the chance for recidivism. An alternative technique to helping people with convictions gain employment is providing tax incentives to employers who hire persons with former convictions. By offering more opportunities for employment to former offenders, New Mexico can reduce its rate of recidivism, increase public safety, and invest in productive successful citizens.	
Where is the issue in the Legislative Process?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Still in planning/discussion phase <input type="checkbox"/> Presented to interim committees <input type="checkbox"/> Bill drafted <input type="checkbox"/> Have sponsor <input type="checkbox"/> Other (<i>please describe</i>)
Do you have someone (individual or organization) who will be lobbying for you on this initiative? Yes If yes, who? Reena Szczepanski	
What other organizations are you working with you to support this legislation? Community partners and organizations TBA	
What kind of support are you seeking for your proposal from NMPHA or other organizations? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Send action alerts to membership/email lists. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sign on to endorsement letters. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Provide lobbying support, if possible. <input type="checkbox"/> No additional support needed at this time.	
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Sponsoring Organization(s): Equality New Mexico	
Brief Description of Proposed Legislation: Anti-Bullying Legislation is intended to reduce the incidences of bullying in educational institutions, make bullying policies and programs stronger, as well as assist educational institutions in preventing and managing incidences of bullying. Educational institutions shall implement a bullying prevention policy and program in the upcoming years. Bullying includes but is not limited to hazing, harassment, intimidation, or menacing acts of a student.	
Background: Bullying includes but is not limited to hazing, harassment, intimidation, or menacing acts of a student which may, but need not be based on the student's race, color, sex, ethnicity, national origin, religion, disability, age, sexual orientation, or gender identity. Bullying is systematically and chronically inflicting physical hurt and/or psychological distress on one or more students. Bullying has occurred more frequently over the years within educational institutions. Students being bullied and witnessing the act may be fearful to attend school and possibly exhibit physical symptoms, which creates focusing on schoolwork difficult.	
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Do you have someone (individual or organization) who will be lobbying for you on this initiative? Yes If yes, who? Ellen Novak and Jordon Johnson	
What other organizations are you working with you to support this legislation? Santa Fe Mountain Center, Department of Health, and Children Youth and Families.	
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Sponsoring Organization(s): Governor's Women's Health Advisory Council	
Brief Description of Proposed Legislation: Governor's Women's Health Office Act The bill would create the Council (which was established by Executive Order in 2006) in statute.	
<p>Background: The Governor's Women's Health Advisory Council, which is administratively attached to the NM Commission on the Status of Women, is the government's champion and focal point for women's health issues. The Council works to redress inequities in research, health care services and education that have historically placed the health of women at risk. For a list of Council members, please go to www.nmwellwoman.com.</p> <p>The mission is to "Develop and promote policy to improve the health and well-being of women and girls in NM, integrating race/ethnicity, age, ability and sexual orientation, using a woman-centered, social justice, interdisciplinary framework that incorporates sex and gender analysis and the influences of social determinants of health."</p> <p>Women's health is a sex and gender-informed practice, grounded in an interdisciplinary sex and gender-informed bio-psycho-social science, focusing on the care of the whole woman in the diverse contexts of her life experiences.</p>	
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Do you have someone (individual or organization) who will be lobbying for you on this initiative? Yes If yes, who? Giovanna Rossi Pressley	
What other organizations are you working with you to support this legislation? Women and Children's Health Advocates	
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Sponsoring Organization(s): Health Care for All Campaign	
Brief Description of Proposed Legislation: Health Care for All supports the creation of an independent Health Care Authority to develop an action plan to implement health care reform in New Mexico. It is expected that the work of the Authority will lead to universal access to affordable and accountable health care for all people living in New Mexico.	
Background: The total cost of health care in New Mexico is currently \$6.24 billion yet 432,000 New Mexicans are uninsured and we have some of the poorest health outcomes in the United States. As the cost of health care continues to increase, working families struggle to pay rising insurance premiums. Businesses, especially smaller ones, find it more difficult to provide insurance for their employees and maintain their competitive edge. The increasing cost of health care and the number of uninsured people living in New Mexico affects all of us. It is estimated that every family with insurance pays \$1875 more per year to cover the cost of uncompensated care. The average cost of insurance for a family of four is \$12,100 - comparable to purchasing a compact car every year. The creation of an independent Health Care Authority will allow us to develop an action plan to provide accessible, quality health care for all people living in New Mexico and prevent any undue influence from those who may benefit from the status quo.	
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What other organizations are you working with you to support this legislation? Health Care for All Campaign Members - includes: Health Action New Mexico, Voices for Children, NM Center on Law and Poverty, New Mexico Public Health Association, American Medical Students Association – NM, NM Conference of Churches, Lutheran Office of Governmental Ministries, NM Coalition to End Homelessness, Health Care for the Homeless, League of Women Voters – NM, St. Joseph Community Health, RESULTS, The Disability Coalition, National Association of Social Workers - NM	
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Sponsoring Organization(s): Health Security for New Mexicans Campaign											
Brief Description of Proposed Legislation: The NM Health Security Act would let New Mexico set up its own health care plan, run like a cooperative. The Health Security Plan would guarantee health coverage for all New Mexican residents regardless of age and health status. Plan members would have freedom of choice of doctor and hospital, even across state lines, and a comprehensive benefit package.											
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Do you have someone (individual or organization) who will be lobbying for you on this initiative? If yes, who? Dana Millen, Education and Outreach Coordinator, and Mary Feldblum, ED											
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Sponsoring Organization(s): McKinley Community Health Alliance											
Brief Description of Proposed Legislation: Legislation to fund comprehensive studies to determine the effects on human health from exposures to contamination from past uranium milling and mining activities.											
Background: Although there is significant evidence of harm to human health and the environment arising from the legacy of decades of uranium mining throughout the Grants Mineral Belt, to date there are no comprehensive health studies to clarify/quantify these impacts. Without such studies, work to remediate abandoned mine and mill sites is given low priority, compensation for those harmed is inconsistent and inadequate, and plans to resume uranium mining in the area are embraced by politicians and communities who remain oblivious to the risks.											
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Sponsoring Organization(s): McKinley Community Health Alliance	
Brief Description of Proposed Legislation: Legislation to fund the San Mateo Creek hydrologic study, characterizing the aquifers affected by past uranium mining and milling in the Mount Taylor area.	
Background: Water is essential to all life. New Mexico is largely semi-arid, and our limited ground-water resources are over-committed. An estimated 1.2 million acre-feet of the groundwater beneath the west flank of Mount Taylor are already contaminated by past uranium mining activities, but there are no studies to characterize the full extent of the contamination. Proposed resumption of uranium mining in the area includes a process that mines in groundwater aquifers, threatening additional contamination to this critical resource.	
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Sponsoring Organization(s): McKinley Community Health Alliance						
Brief Description of Proposed Legislation: A memorial urging the US Congress to appropriate federal funds to clean up abandoned uranium mines which were owned and operated for the benefit of the federal government.						
Background: Decades of mining and milling occurred throughout the Four Corners, and in the Grants Mineral Belt, as part of the federal government's efforts to build a nuclear weapon. Thousands of mine sites were abandoned without any remediation, and continue to contaminate communities via blowing dust and leaching into groundwater. Both low-level radiation and the heavy metal uranium pose significant health threats. Clean up of these sites is expensive and labor intensive, beyond what the state and local tribes/communities can fund.						
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Sponsoring Organization(s): Mountain View Community Action plus others	
Brief Description of Proposed Legislation: NM Environmental Quality Act Legislation will require that non-exempt applicants will undergo an environmental review process prior to permitting. Review will be based on: 1. whether the proposed project will have a significant impact on the environment, 2. whether the proposed project, in conjunction with existing projects and known future projects, will have a significant cumulative impact on the environment, and 3. whether the proposed project will result in a disproportionate environmental burden on the community housing the project.	
Background: Legislation will ensure equal environmental protection for communities by requiring: 1. complete disclosure on how the proposed project will impact the environment and the community's health, 2. explicit consideration of public's testimony on health and safety concerns, 3. improved and consolidated public notification provisions, 4. consideration of cumulative impacts resulting from the proposed project and other projects located in the affected community, and 5. permit review of a proposed project that looks not only at the project's impact on a single media, such as the water quality, but on the project's impact on all media, their interactions and the community.	
Where is the issue in the Legislative Process?	<input type="checkbox"/> Still in planning/discussion phase <input type="checkbox"/> Presented to interim committees <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bill drafted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Have sponsor (Who? <u>Rep. Gail Chasey</u>) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: Have multiple endorsements
Do you have someone (individual or organization) who will be lobbying for you on this initiative? Yes If yes, who? EANM, CVNM, hired lobbyists (in process)	
What other organizations are you working with you to support this legislation? Environmental Alliance of New Mexico, Conservation Voters New Mexico	
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Sponsoring Organization(s): National Center for Frontier Communities	
Brief Description of Proposed Legislation: To provide funding for a free-standing social services project and public office providing wellness, health education, and essential state services to the residents of the Picuris pueblo and surrounding communities. The service area includes thirteen villages in southern Rio Arriba and Taos Counties. The 2008 Legislature funded 24% (\$10,800) of the annual budget and additional funds of \$34,200 are needed to meet the rapidly increased demand for programs and services including food security, energy assistance and mental health support groups.	
Background: Residents of the Picuris-Penasco area live in a multi-cultural geographically isolated and high poverty region. As a project of the Picuris-Penasco Community Coalition, a coalition of local area service providers, the SPOT for Community Wellness provides a broad range of social services and resources supporting coordinated community wellness efforts. In addition to offering a variety of programming, including the operation of food and clothing distribution programs and organizing the annual health fair, the office also sponsors a Human Services Department worker who offers dual county enrollment, allowing residents to access essential state programs.	
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Do you have someone (individual or organization) who will be lobbying for you on this initiative? No	
What other organizations are you working with you to support this legislation? The Picuris-Peñasco Community Coalition (PPCC) is a coalition of local service providers that together support the mission and programming of the SPOT for Community Wellness. The members of the PPCC include Picuris Pueblo, Peñasco Independent Schools, Taos County NMDOH Office, Taos County DWI Program, Holy Cross Clinic, El Centro Family Health and Dental Clinic and many others.	
What kind of support are you seeking for your proposal from NMPHA or other organizations?	
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Sponsoring Organization(s): New Mexicans Concerned About Tobacco (NMCAT)	
Brief Description of Proposed Legislation: NMCAT's primary 2009 legislative objective is to ensure NO cuts to tobacco control funding. As a means to that end, we aim to protect the tobacco settlement program fund and permanent fund while also advocating for an increase in tobacco prevention and control program funding, from \$9,615,000 to \$10,000,000. We may also argue in support of other revenue solutions for the state that are a win-win for health and budgets, such as tobacco tax increases.	
Background: Tobacco prevention is critical to the health and well-being of all New Mexicans. Our youth tobacco use rates remain high, with about one-in-four high school students and young adults smoking. One in three will die from their addiction. NM legislation dedicates half our tobacco settlement funds to the tobacco permanent fund. Deviating from this plan will delay establishing a permanent funding source for our effective tobacco prevention and control programs. Stalling this progress has serious effects on health. Just a one percent increase in NM smoking rates would result in 1,200 more high school smokers and 14,600 more adult smokers.	
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Do you have someone (individual or organization) who will be lobbying for you on this initiative? Yes If yes, who? Linda Siegle	
What other organizations are you working with you to support this legislation? American Cancer Society, American Heart Association, American Lung Association, NM Medical Society	
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Sponsoring Organization(s): New Mexico Alliance for School-Based Health Care											
Brief Description of Proposed Legislation: Proposed legislation will read: "Fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the department of health for expenditure in fiscal year 2010 to implement a Native American adolescent health program focusing on mental health and teen suicide prevention."											
Background: Nationally, suicide among Native American youth (14-24) is twice that of the general population. In New Mexico, suicide is the 2nd leading cause of death for teenagers and young adults (15-44) and the 3rd leading cause of death for children between the ages of 10 and 14. While both American Indian and other races of youth self-reported similar levels of depression and suicidal ideation, significantly more American Indian youth reported attempting suicide in the past 12 months: 25% of all Native American youth compared to 15% of New Mexico youth of all races.											
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Do you have someone (individual or organization) who will be lobbying for you on this initiative? Yes If yes, who? Howard Spiegelman											
What other organizations are you working with you to support this legislation? New Mexico Voices for Children and others TBD											
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Sponsoring Organization(s): New Mexico Center on Law and Poverty											
Brief Description of Proposed Legislation: We are seeking to amend the New Mexico Workers' Compensation Act (WCA) to remove the exemption for farm and ranch workers. As the law currently stands, farm and ranch laborers and "domestic workers" are the only employees that are exempt from the law, despite the fact that farming and ranching are two of the most dangerous occupations in the nation. All other industries in New Mexico are required to cover their workers under the WCA.											
Background: This legislation would impact the 23,000 farm and ranch workers that are employed in New Mexico. These workers are the poorest of the poor. Many are migrant farm workers that make less than \$6,000 per year. If they are injured on the job they are often left to pay for their own medical bills. Lost wages and medical bills can be disastrous to the families of farm workers. This legislation would require farm and ranch owners to cover their employees under Workers' Compensation as all other industries are already required to do in New Mexico.											
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What other organizations are you working with you to support this legislation? We have a list of roughly 25 organizations who have endorsed our effort, however, none of them will be actively lobbying for the legislation. If you would like a list of these organizations please let me know.											
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Sponsoring Organization(s): New Mexico Child Care and Education Association	
Brief Description of Proposed Legislation: Legislation would reinstitute the requirement that one half of the PreK money go to the Public Education Department and one half to the Children Youth and Families Department.	
Background: It is vital to have quality healthy child care programs throughout the state so that parents can go to work and know their children are learning. If funding were to shift to PED, many child care programs could go out of business leaving many children and families without their services.	
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Sponsoring Organization(s): New Mexico Coalition to End Homelessness	
Brief Description of Proposed Legislation: The NMCEH is leading a Campaign for a Dedicated Funding Source for the NM Housing Trust Fund. Our goal is to secure \$20 million a year in dedicated revenue for the Trust Fund. We will introduce legislation in the 2009 session to increase the document recording fee by \$24 per document and direct eighty percent of the revenue generated by that increase into the NM Housing Trust Fund. This will generate approximately \$10 million annually.	
Background: The NM Housing Trust Fund was created in 2005 to fund the development of affordable housing throughout New Mexico. Since then, the Housing Trust Fund has proven to be a powerful tool in addressing New Mexico's housing needs; it has funded the development of almost 1400 homes throughout the state and has leveraged over \$100 million in other housing funding. However, the Trust Fund has only received \$1 or \$2 million annually since 2006, which is inadequate to meeting our state's housing needs. A dedicated funding source would ensure that this already successful program continues to be a powerful tool for providing safe, affordable housing.	
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Sponsoring Organization(s): New Mexico Coalition to End Homelessness	
Brief Description of Proposed Legislation: The NMCEH is advocating for HSD to expand the Linkages program to fund housing stability services for tenants in federally funded permanent supportive housing programs. In 2007 the Behavioral Health Collaborative developed the Linkages program to provide housing for people with behavioral health needs. By expanding the Linkages program to fund services for tenants in federally funded supportive housing programs, we can ensure that these tenants receive the services they need to maintain their own housing.	
Background: Federal funding supports approximately 600 units of permanent supportive housing throughout New Mexico. These funds are critical to providing permanent housing to people experiencing homelessness with disabilities. However, over the last several years, the federal government has moved away from funding services for tenants who live in these programs. As a result, many supportive housing tenants have only limited access to the services they need to maintain their housing. By expanding the Linkages program, we can help these tenants obtain the support they need to remain in their own housing.	
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Sponsoring Organization(s): New Mexico Coalition to Repeal the Death Penalty	
Brief Description of Proposed Legislation: The NM Coalition to Repeal the Death Penalty will work to abolish NM's death penalty during the 2009 legislative session, replacing it with life without possibility of parole. Our Victims' Families First Campaign will also be advanced to serve victims' needs, including bills to protect employees when they attend court hearings, support education for children who have a parent murdered, and increase funding to the NM Crime Victims Reparation Commission for services to families of murder victims.	
Background: NM Repeal seeks to repeal the death penalty in New Mexico for various reasons, including the fact that innocent people have been convicted and sentenced to death in this country. At least 130 men and women have been released from death rows nationwide since 1973. Also, many family members of murder victims don't want the death penalty. Murder Victims Families for Reconciliation work to provide support to the growing number of families of murder victims who believe money spent on capital punishment should be directed towards long-term counseling and financial assistance for families of people who are murdered.	
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Do you have someone (individual or organization) who will be lobbying for you on this initiative? Yes If yes, who? NM Repeal	
What other organizations are you working with you to support this legislation? NM Repeal is a coalition of over 100 organizations and 4000 individual members who live in New Mexico and support repealing the death penalty and replacing it with life without the possibility of parole.	
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Sponsoring Organization(s): New Mexico Early Childhood Alliance	
Brief Description of Proposed Legislation: \$13.2 Million dollars allocated to Maintain Child Care Assistance Eligibility at 200% of the Federal Poverty Level. Currently: While the current (FY 09) eligibility is 200% FPL there has not been enough money allocated to continue this into FY 10.	
Background: Ensure that low-income families achieve economic self-sufficiency through work and receive high quality child care by maintaining eligibility for child care assistance at 200% of poverty (FPL) for 2,200 children & families.	
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Brief Description of Proposed Legislation: \$1 Million dollars allocated to increase rates for Child Care Assistance					
Background: Provide rate increases to cover ongoing increments in the minimum wage increase and to ensure high quality programs continue to accept state assisted children. In addition to increasing costs in general, child care centers, small businesses, must meet increasing requirements for education and training of staff. Rate increases are vital for maintaining and improving quality services.					
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Brief Description of Proposed Legislation: Allocate \$2 Million for the eight, state-wide, Training and Technical Assistance Programs (TTAPs)	
Background: Funding the eight TTAPs at a higher level will enable them to support achievement of AIM HIGH standards for early childhood programs, out-of-school time programs and family homes statewide. This support of higher quality programs results in children more prepared for school and life, with stronger intellectual, social and emotional skills.	
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Brief Description of Proposed Legislation: Allocate \$2 Million for T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood Scholarships including a pilot Education & Retention Incentive project. The education and training of teachers is key to ensuring quality early childhood education. A fairly compensated early childhood workforce is essential to building and maintaining stable, diverse, and high quality teachers.	
Background: Provide scholarships to early childhood educators for higher education and to provide retention incentives for increased educational achievement.	
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Brief Description of Proposed Legislation: Allocate \$4.2 million for Other Quality Initiatives through grants to child development (\$1.6 Million), extended-day Head Start (\$1.6 Million), Head Start look-alikes (\$.5 Million), and inclusive child care (\$.5 million) programs.	
Background: Support for these quality initiatives will build higher quality programs, helping children get ready for school and life.	
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Brief Description of Proposed Legislation: Allocate \$950,000 for Family Engagement -- \$500,000 for a Statewide Family Leadership Network and \$450,000 for an Early Childhood Public Awareness Campaign.	
Background: The Statewide Family Leadership Network would develop and implement an early childhood family survey to identify wants and needs. It would also create a formal mechanism for families to partner with others to have an organized voice into policy decisions affecting families. The Early Childhood Public Awareness Campaign would implement a public promotion campaign for families and the public on the important of the first years of children's lives, the developmental needs of young children, how to access state services, for instance quality child care, and the importance of investing in early childhood. This initiative would coordinate with the Business Investment Task Force communication strategies.	
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Background: Provide stipends for parents of infants to stay home to care for their infant and take parenting classes.	
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Brief Description of Proposed Legislation: Support the request of the Executive in allocating funds for Voluntary Universal Newborn Home Visiting.	
Background: Implement recommendations from Home Visiting Task Force.	
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Background: Provide training on developmental screening, referral process, quality improvement methods to child health clinics and other early childhood providers, such as home visitors, WIC providers, early learning providers. Expand developmental screening to include maternal depression and autism.	
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Sponsoring Organization(s): New Mexico Early Childhood Alliance	
Brief Description of Proposed Legislation: Allocate funds for New Mexico Pre-K. Support the Executive's request.	
Background: Continue to phase-in Pre-kindergarten until it is available in all New Mexico communities.	
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Sponsoring Organization(s): New Mexico Early Childhood Alliance	
Brief Description of Proposed Legislation: Allocate \$1 Million to implement and extend Inclusive Child Care recommendations of “Quality Child Care For All” report produced by UNM Center for Development and Disability	
Background: This funding will enable more support to be directed to the child care centers which are serving children with special situations. When special services are given early in life, children gain in skills and confidence, saving money in later services.	
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Sponsoring Organization(s): New Mexico Environment Department						
Brief Description of Proposed Legislation: The proposal would provide the Environmental Improvement Board with the authority to implement the 'Design Recommendations for the Western Climate Initiative's Regional Cap-and-Trade Program'.						
Background: Global warming poses a serious threat to New Mexico's economy, public health and environment. The potential adverse consequences include the loss of snowpack leading to serious water supply problems, the degradation of air quality and the loss of plant and animal species. In February 2007, five western governors formed the Western Climate Initiative (WCI) and kicked off a regional effort to design a market-based approach for reducing greenhouse gas emissions. Since 2007, the WCI membership has grown to include seven western states and four Canadian provinces. In September, 2008 the WCI released the framework for a regional greenhouse gas cap-and-trade program that is scheduled to start in 2012. Each of the WCI jurisdictions, including New Mexico, is currently seeking authority to implement the program.						
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What other organizations are you working with you to support this legislation? Governor Richardson formed the Green Ribbon Advisory Panel to make recommendations for the legislative implementation of the WCI cap and trade design. The advisory group consists of 14 representatives from industry, the environmental community and agriculture and will finalize discussions in December.						
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Sponsoring Organization(s): New Mexico Environment Department	
Brief Description of Proposed Legislation: \$200K appropriation to the NMED to reduce mercury pollution in the state and provide information on the hazards of mercury exposure.	
Background: Mercury is a powerful neurotoxin. Reducing the amount of mercury pollution in the state will improve public health.	
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What other organizations are you working with you to support this legislation? New Mexico Mercury Task Force	
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Sponsoring Organization(s): New Mexico First											
Brief Description of Proposed Legislation: This legislation would establish the qualifications and processes for workplace wellness programs that would be eligible for a 50% income tax credit, up to a maximum of \$150 per employee per year for up to 200 employees per employer, approximately 73% of the private employees in NM and over 90% of business establishments. Such legislation would be consistent with Recommendation 13 from the 2007 New Mexico First Town Hall 35 on Health Care.											
Background: In New Mexico, the fundamental cause of increasing utilization of health care services and increasing health insurance premium rates is the continuing decline of New Mexicans' health. Employees in New Mexico are one of the largest cohorts that can reverse this trend through workplace programs that create healthier lifestyles and prevent chronic disease. Such programs in businesses have demonstrated reduction in need for health care services, while increasing employee productivity. Direct and indirect economic burden of New Mexicans' chronic disease will total to \$24 billion dollars over the years 2003 to 2023 if nothing is done to decrease chronic disease.											
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Sponsoring Organization(s): New Mexico Food & Agriculture Policy Council	
Brief Description of Proposed Legislation: Closing New Mexico's Food Retail Gap: Building the Health and Wealth of New Mexicans! The Governor-appointed NM Food Gap Task Force and the NM Food and Agriculture Policy Council request \$100,000 for pilot projects that will address food retail and food service infrastructure needs in rural and underserved communities. These projects will help to promote the expansion and creation of local food businesses that provide jobs, keep money in the local economy and ensure that all New Mexicans have access to healthy, affordable and culturally appropriate food.	
Background: New Mexicans are facing the growing crisis presented by obesity and diabetes that if not reversed, threatens to make this generation of young people the first in our history to have a lower life expectancy than their parents. One important cause of this problem is that many New Mexicans, particularly in rural areas, lack access to healthy and affordable food outlets. Research has shown that the farther one must travel to reach a supermarket, the fewer servings of fresh fruits and vegetables they will eat, and the higher their chances of suffering from diabetes and heart disease. Similarly, the further people have to travel to purchase their food, the farther their dollars will travel from their community.	
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Sponsoring Organization(s): New Mexico Food & Agriculture Policy Council	
Brief Description of Proposed Legislation: Closing New Mexico's Distribution Gap: Bringing Healthy Food to Our Rural Communities! The Governor-appointed NM Food Gap Task Force & NM Food & Ag Policy Council request \$100,000 for pilot projects that will address the development of localized food transportation and distribution systems. These projects will provide local jobs, business opportunities for New Mexican entrepreneurs, and will help to ensure that food stores, schools, senior centers, and other outlets throughout the state are able to serve and sell fresh, healthy foods.	
Background: The Need: Rising gas prices have created an urgent need to develop efficient systems for food transport to rural and underserved areas. In communities that are not located on normal delivery routes, stores, schools, senior centers, food pantries and other food outlets pay high transportation surcharges or must pick up products themselves. Without regular deliveries rural stores and food service providers cannot offer fresh fruits, vegetables and other products. Further, while many farmers are growing these products nearby, efficient systems must be developed to get their produce to consumers.	
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Sponsoring Organization(s): New Mexico Food & Agriculture Policy Council	
Brief Description of Proposed Legislation: Healthy Kids - Healthy Economy: NM Grown Produce for School Meals Funding of \$3.3 million is being requested for the purchase of fresh fruits and vegetables, New Mexico-grown when available, for school meals. This funding will help to ensure that our state's young people develop life-long nourishing eating habits that promote health and academic achievement. It will also help to strengthen our farm and ranch economies, preserve our environment, and reduce the cost of treating diet-related diseases.	
Background: More than 190,000 lower income NM children are eligible to participate in the free or reduced-price school meal program. These children eat less produce due in part to its relatively high price - fresh fruits and vegetables have increased by 40 percent in the last 15 years compared to a 20 percent decrease for high sugar and high fat foods. School food service budgets are entirely separate from the rest of school budgets. Except for the \$85,000 mentioned below, New Mexico does not provide funding for school food service. Schools receive approximately \$1 per meal from federal reimbursements to cover all food costs.	
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What other organizations are you working with you to support this legislation? NM School Nutrition Association, NM Dietetic Association, Action for Healthy Kids, NM Departments of Agriculture, Aging and Long-Term Services, Human Services, Farm to Table, NM Food & Ag Policy Council, & many others	
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Sponsoring Organization(s): New Mexico Teen Pregnancy Coalition	
Brief Description of Proposed Legislation: Senator Lopez is sponsoring an appropriation of eighty thousand (\$80,000) from the general fund to Children, Youth and Families Department for expenditure in FY10 to develop and implement male involvement as an evidence based teen pregnancy initiative.	
Background: NM has the 2nd highest teen birth rate realizing over 4,500 births to teens annually. The cost of teen childbearing to New Mexico in 2004 was \$590 million. The added cost to society in 2004 from all teenage mothers in NM who gave birth from 1987 to 2004 was \$1 billion. Hispanic teen girls make up about 50% of the female teen population in NM. However, they represent approximately 67% of our births to teens. The primary risk factors for teen pregnancy are: *early school failure *early behavioral problems *distressed/dysfunctional families *poverty	
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Do you have someone (individual or organization) who will be lobbying for you on this initiative? No	
What other organizations are you working with you to support this legislation? NMTPC works statewide with community based programs and informal networks as well as councils, coalitions, and state/local government entities to ensure New Mexico has a well planned approach to reducing teen births in New Mexico.	
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Sponsoring Organization(s): New Mexico Voices for Children	
Brief Description of Proposed Legislation: KIDS FIRST -- a proposal to provide health care coverage for all children in the state by maximizing Medicaid, SCHIP and the Premium Assistance Program for Kids (PAK).	
Background: New Mexico still has the second highest rate of uninsured children in the nation. Lack of health care access impacts many other indicators of child well-being. As New Mexico moves toward universal health care, the first most affordable step is to maximize coverage for children.	
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Do you have someone (individual or organization) who will be lobbying for you on this initiative? Yes If yes, who? Bill Jordan, New Mexico Voices for Children	
What other organizations are you working with you to support this legislation? New Mexico Pediatric Society	
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Who is the contact for more information?	Name: Bill Jordan, Policy Director <hr/> Organization: New Mexico Voices for Children <hr/> Email: bjordan@nmvoices.org <hr/> Telephone: 505-244-9505 x11 <hr/> Website: www.nmvoices.org

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Sponsoring Organization(s): Richard ('Bugman') Fagerlund & Ann McCampbell, MD	
Brief Description of Proposed Legislation: Pesticide Notification and Right-to-Know Law. Would require commercial applicators to post signs whenever pesticides are applied inside a public building or on its grounds. Would require commercial applicators to provide information about pesticide applications made to public buildings and/or grounds upon request.	
Background: Pesticides are toxic substances widely used to kill insects, weeds, and other pests in and around schools, hotels, hospitals, theaters, restaurants, stores, office buildings, along roadways, in parks, and in other places. Children are especially vulnerable to the toxic effects of pesticides. New Mexico is one of the few states without any requirements to notify the public about pesticide use. The anticipated impact is that people will be able to make informed choices about whether to expose themselves or their children to pesticides.	
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Do you have someone (individual or organization) who will be lobbying for you on this initiative? Yes If yes, who? Richard Fagerlund and Ann McCampbell	
What other organizations are you working with you to support this legislation? Hope to gain support of NM Environment & Health Coalition and NMPHA, among others.	
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Sponsoring Organization(s): St. Joseph Community Health	
Brief Description of Proposed Legislation: Indexing the Minimum Wage in New Mexico to keep up with inflation, and sunseting all exemptions to the Minimum Wage Act in four years.	
Background: Raising the minimum wage will have a positive impact on all public health outcomes. In states that have increased minimum wages, job growth has remained steady (Current Employment Survey, US Bureau of Labor Statistics) and poverty has declined (U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey 2004) Retail job growth, the employment sector most affected by raising the minimum wage, has kept pace with overall job growth in states with higher minimum wages. (Current Employment Survey, US Bureau of Labor Statistics) Job growth has accelerated in Santa Fe to nearly 3% since an increase in the minimum wage in 2005. (NM Voices for Children, 2006) A poll by Research & Polling Inc. of Albuquerque in October 2005 found that 75% of registered voters support an increase in the state minimum wage. (Albuquerque Journal, Nov. 2, 2005)	
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Do you have someone (individual or organization) who will be lobbying for you on this initiative? Yes If yes, who? Allen Sanchez	
What other organizations are you working with you to support this legislation? We are interested in working with any organization that supports indexing the minimum wage and sunseting all exemptions in four years.	
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Sponsoring Organization(s): St. Joseph Community Health											
Brief Description of Proposed Legislation: Memorial naming parts of Southeast Heights of Albuquerque the "International Neighborhoods District."											
Background: The Southeast Heights of Albuquerque near Central and Louisiana has been called by a derogatory term for many years. This stigma on the area has made healthy redevelopment difficult. The community has been working hard for many years to transform the area through healthy planning and healthy policy development, and by turning around the negative image. The community believes that one of its greatest strengths is the area's diversity, as captured in the name 'International Neighborhoods District.' Such a designation honors the assets, and attracts healthy redevelopment.											
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Do you have someone (individual or organization) who will be lobbying for you on this initiative? Yes If yes, who? Allen Sanchez											
What other organizations are you working with you to support this legislation? Southeast Heights Health Coalition; District 6 Coalition of Neighborhoods; South San Pedro Neighborhood Association; City Councilor Rey Garduño.											
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Sponsoring Organization(s): Southwest Network for Environmental and Economic Justice / New Mexico Environmental Justice Working Group (SNEEJ/NMEJWG)	
Brief Description of Proposed Legislation: The proposed funded Memorial would direct the New Mexico Department of Health (NMDOH) and the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) to gather health data from specific environmental justice regions in the state (south-central New Mexico, the Uranium Belt, and the South Valley of Albuquerque). The data would come from grassroots organizations, nonprofits, educational as well as government agencies and institutions. The resulting data base would inform decision-making and advocacy.	
Background: We wish to address issues of environmental injustice in specific regions of the state. This legislation will provide will provide DOH and other health agencies the data to provide appropriate health services. It will give NMED information to make sound permitting decisions taking into account cumulative and disparate impacts on people and the environment. It will provide community and advocates with a regional health profile/health data base that will allow them to advocate for themselves in terms of health services, worker and family health and s	
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Do you have someone (individual or organization) who will be lobbying for you on this initiative? No If yes, who?	
What other organizations are you working with you to support this legislation? The New Mexico Environmental Justice Group is made of five state organizations affiliated with the SNEEJ, technical assistants and invited partners. Members of the NMEJWG include: Colonias Development Council, Sage Council, Izcalli Kalpulli, Concerned Citizens of Wagon Mound and Mora County, the New Mexico Environmental Law Center, the Southwest Research and Information Center, Eileen Gauna, UNM Law School and other individuals.	
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Sponsoring Organization(s): Think New Mexico	
Brief Description of Proposed Legislation: Limit the size of new public schools built in New Mexico to no more than 225 students per high school grade level, 120 students per middle school grade level, or 60 students per elementary school grade level, and require existing large schools to establish smaller learning communities if they have not done so already. No appropriation is required, as Think New Mexico has demonstrated that these reforms can be achieved with existing funds.	
Background: Small schools improve student health by keeping kids safe: a U.S. Department of Education study found that 33% of schools larger than 1,000 reported serious violent crimes, compared with 4-9% in small and medium-sized schools. Small schools also have less student alienation, higher student achievement (particularly among low-income and minority students), and higher graduation rates. High school graduates benefit from higher incomes and lower unemployment rates than dropouts, which leads to better long-term health outcomes. Think New Mexico's legislation will help all children attending New Mexico's public schools by making those schools small, safe environments where students can succeed.	
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What other organizations are you working with you to support this legislation? We are currently building a coalition of supporters, including business groups, civic organizations, education groups, religious organizations, parents, teachers, principals, and students, and we would be delighted to include public health advocates as well.	
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Sponsoring Organization(s): UNM CDD Health Policy Work Group						
Brief Description of Proposed Legislation: Funding to study alternatives to the tort system for all birthing providers. Alternatives include an administrative system which would include patient safety; private provider inclusion under the state tort claims act; health courts; etc.						
Background: New Mexico depends upon an integrated model of OB providers including physicians, nurse midwives and licensed midwives to deliver our 29,000 babies every year. Every year we lose providers and therefore access for clients. Rural communities are hardest hit. The ever increasing cost of malpractice insurance is one of the primary factors in the decline of providers. With this legislation we hope to bring all the stakeholders together to find consensus solutions.						
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Sponsoring Organization(s): WNMU Early Childhood Programs; JD6 Local Collaborative	
Brief Description of Proposed Legislation: Western New Mexico University's Early Childhood Programs seek \$120,000 to develop the model for a Training Institute for Early Childhood Mental Health to include a therapeutic nursery/preschool for children, ages 2-5 years, affected by domestic violence, substance abuse and other trauma. The institute will be a training site for students in human service disciplines and for working professionals, teaching identification and comprehensive treatment of young children's emotional disorders.	
Background: In Southwest New Mexico, high rates of poverty, substance abuse and domestic violence expose large numbers of young children to child abuse and neglect. High need is combined with an extreme shortage of children's resources and providers. No other New Mexico university currently offers comprehensive clinical training in specialized Early Childhood mental health interventions and the new infant mental health endorsements. This model therapeutic child care program will be dedicated to helping young children and families overcome attachment disorders and the effects of trauma, serving up to 30 traumatized children and training 200 students and working professionals annually.	
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