

New Mexico Food & Agriculture Policy Council
2020 New Mexico State Legislature Outcomes Report

Sign by the Governor March 11, 2020

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As the New Mexico legislative session has concluded the collective work of food, hunger and agriculture groups created a greater awareness of important issues and programs. This work will continue beyond the 2020 Legislative session.

Due to incredible teamwork, we have much to look forward to beyond the session. As the New Mexico Legislative session has come to an end, there is still work to be done. We anticipate Governor Lujan Grisham's support of our priorities that made across the finish line. The Executive Branch has three weeks, until March 11th, to review and sign the budget and all substantive legislation that passed.

Only 88 bills and memorials of the 913 that were introduced are going to Governor Michele Lujan Grisham's desk for her approval. Most of the 30-day session concentrated on issues related to the budget. The oil and gas boom in the Permian basin has given the state record sources of revenue. It also contributed to the State's 2019 budget surplus at nearly \$800 million. A large portion of the surplus, \$320 million, will be used as startup funding for a new early childhood trust fund for prekindergarten, home visiting and other programs. The State's budget for 2020, spending will increase by \$536 million to \$7.6 billion.

On March 11th, Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham signed the following into legislation and the budget.

The Tracking Sheet highlights on House Bill 2&3 as amended and passed by the House and Senate. The Tracking Sheet corresponds to HB 2&3 with the page numbers and line items for easier review.

Here are highlights:

NM Food & Agriculture Omnibus Appropriations (sponsors Representatives Stansbury, Sweetser, Gail Armstrong, Dow, and Fajardo):

- \$150,000 to the NM Department of Agriculture (NMDA) to develop and promote market opportunities for farmers, ranchers, and agribusiness in NM (key sponsor Representative Gail Armstrong)
- \$200,000 to NMDA to assist the soil and water conservation districts
- \$200,000 to the NM State University for experimental station facilities
- \$100,000 to the NM State University for 4-H programs

NM Grown Fruits and Vegetables for School Meals Program:

- \$400,000 to the NM Public Education Department School Nutrition and Wellness Program - NMPED (recurring)

Eliminating Reduced-Price Co-Payments for School Breakfast and Lunch Programs:

- \$650,000 to the NM Public Education Department (NMPED)

NM Grown Fruits and Vegetables for Senior Meal Programs and Expansion of the NM Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program:

- No funding. With the Aging and Long-Term Services Department and Representative Gail Armstrong and Senator Stefanics we will explore the idea of potential funding from the Kiki Saavedra Senior Dignity Fund.

Healthy Soils Program:

- \$227,000 to the NMDA

NM Agriculture and Natural Resources Pilot Program:

\$1.8 million over three years to the NMDA for soils and water conservation projects with a focus on riparian areas.

Two Senate Memorial (3 and 10 sponsored by Senator Nancy Rodriguez) passed:

- Working group to develop recommendations to glean unharvested farm produce for food assistance programs (NM Department of Agriculture to host)

- Working group to develop recommendations on donating school meals food to students (a food waste issue) (NM Public Education Department to host)

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New Mexico Legislative Priority Setting – 2020
Updated: April, 2020

Bill #	NMFAPC Tier	Description	Sponsor	Notes	Status/ Location
1st Tier – LEAD					
HB 253 SB 177	1 <i>[Shared lead with NM First and NMFAPC]</i>	Omnibus APPROPRIATIONS.-- A. The following amounts are appropriated from the general fund to the board of regents of NMSU for expenditure in fiscal year 2021: 1) (\$150,000) for the NMDA to develop and promote market opportunities for farmers, ranchers and agribusiness in New Mexico (in HB2); (2) (\$150,000) for the NMDA to carry out the New Mexico agriculture workforce development program pursuant to the New Mexico Agricultural Workforce Development Program Act; (3) (\$300,000) for the NMDA to carry out the food and agriculture	HB 253: Representatives Stansbury, Sweetser, Gail Armstrong, Dow, and Fajardo Amendment to be introduced by Senator Campos Identify which experiment stations are in which Senators districts	Omnibus food and agriculture programs bill for appropriations to The NM Department of Agriculture (NMDA) and the NM State University (NMSU). Notes: HB 353 introduced specific to experiment stations.	Was introduced 1/24/20 by Rep Stansbury. <i>Passed House Agriculture Committee, Tuesday, Feb. 4th</i> <i>-Tabled in House Appropriations</i> <i>-1# and #4 included in House Appropriation HB2 Budget</i> <i>-Passed Senate Conservation</i> <i>-Amendments submitted by Senator Campos</i> <i>HB2&3:</i> <i>1) \$150,000, page 150, line 4(6a)</i> <i>2 & 3) no additional fund for workforce &</i>

<p>Related bill: HB353</p>		<p>experiential learning programs; (4) (\$200,000) for the New Mexico department of agriculture to assist the soil and water conservation districts pursuant to the provisions of the Soil and Water Conservation District Act (in HB2); (5) (\$500,000) for the college of agricultural, consumer and environmental sciences, center of excellence in sustainable food and agriculture systems; (6) (\$1,250,000) for NMSU to maintain agricultural experimental station research facilities statewide; (7) (\$450,000) for eight 4-H program staff positions; (8) (\$127,000) for the college of agricultural, consumer and environmental sciences' farmer and rancher resource center; and (9) (\$50,000) for the</p>			<p>education</p> <p>4) \$200,000, page 150. Line 8, (6a)</p> <p>5) no additional fund for center of excellence</p> <p>6) \$200,000 for experimental stations, page 150, line 18 (7b)</p> <p>7) \$100,000 for 4-H</p>
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		strategic doing program to hire a strategic planning facilitator and a project coordinator and fund other operating costs of the program.			
HB144	1	HB144: Expand Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program: \$100,000	Rep Gail Armstrong Senator Stefanics	<i>Possible funding source: HB225 Kiki Saavedra Senior Dignity bill if it passes with funding</i>	Passed Health and Human Services Committee & Agriculture Committee Tabled in House Appropriations Committee Possible funding source: HB225 Kiki Saavedra Senior Dignity Fund, HB2&3, page 197 (81) & page 233, (34)
SB76	1	NM Grown Fresh Fruits and Vegetables for Senior Meal Programs: \$250,000	Senator Stefanics Rep Gail Armstrong	Partners: Las Cosechas/Agricultura Network, NMFAPC, and First Nations <i>(amendment submitted by Senator Stefanics for \$100,000 to Senate Finance Committee)</i>	Passed Senate Conservation Committee Thursday, 1/29, Next committee: Senate Finance Committee Amendments submitted by Senators Stefanics, Campos & Rodriguez No fund in HB 2&3

					<i>Possible funding source: HB225 Kiki Saavedra Senior Dignity Fund, HB2&3, page 197 (81) & page 233, (34)</i>
	1	NM Grown Fresh Fruits and Vegetables for School Meal Programs: \$500,000	Senator Campos		<i>\$400,000 (recurring), HB2&3, Appropriations, page 128, line 19-20 (n)</i>
SM 18	1	NM Food and Farms and School Nutrition Day Memorial		NM Food & Farms Day Memorial Feb. 6 th	Senator Pete Campos Representative Gail Armstrong
2nd Tier – ENDORSE					
HM6	2	Food, Hunger and Agriculture Working Group, Request a Task Force to Assess Data and Make Recommendations to Address Barriers to Hunger and Ways to Support NM Agriculture	Representatives Stansbury/Ferrary	A in Senate Finance submitted	<i>Passed Health and Human Services Committee: Passed Agriculture Committee Awaiting House floor hearing</i>
HB75	2	\$200,000: Appropriation to Convene Task Force to Conduct Survey and Assessment of Hunger, Malnutrition, and Food Production and Distribution in NM and Contract for Services Necessary to the Work of the Task Force	Representative Stansbury/Bash	Working on amendments on Senate side.	<i>Passed House Health and Human Services Committee, Tabled in House Appropriations No funding appropriated</i>
HB 166	2	HB166: \$300,000 for the NMDA to carry out the	Rep Jack Chatfield	Senator Woods and Neville will put in	<i>Passed House Agriculture Committee</i>

		healthy soil program pursuant to the Healthy Soil Act		amendments on Senate side.	<i>Tabled in House Appropriations</i> <i>HB2, page 150 in NMDA budget: \$227,000 recurring</i>
SB219	2	\$50,000 for healthy soils program for assessment	Senator Stefanics		Senate Conservation to Senate Finance <i>Amendment submitted to SFC by Senator Stefanics</i>
SM3	2	Requesting the NM Department of Agriculture Convene a Working Group to Develop Recommendations to Glean Unharvested Farm Produce to Address Issues of Food Insecurity	Senator Nancy Rodriguez	The NMFAPC wants to have a farmer representation as part of the task force. Support it and be very involved. <i>Senate Rules Committee amended to add a "farmer" participant</i>	<i>Passed Senate Rules Committee</i> <i>Passed Senate Conservation Committee</i> <i>Passed full Senate 2/11 38:4</i> <i>Signed by Governor</i>
SB11	2	Relating to Education; Clarifying School Lunch Recess Period Requirements – requiring a minimum of 30 minutes for lunch	Sen. Michael Padilla		Senate Education Committee & Senate Public Affairs Committee
HB10	2	Relating to public schools; eliminating reduced-price copayments for school breakfast and	Rep. Madrid	\$650,000 to offset unpaid portion of school meals.	<i>Passed House Education Committee & Passed House Appropriations</i> <i>Passed Senate</i>

		lunch programs; making an appropriation.			<i>Education</i> \$650,000 appropriation in HB2&3, page 128, line 10, (i)
SB194	2	Promotion of Agricultural Products - Bernalillo Food Systems Project \$400,000	Senator Linda Lopez	\$400,000	<i>Passed Senate Conservation Committee</i> <i>Amendment submitted to SFC by Senator Lopez</i>
HB168	2	Relating to Agriculture: Requesting funding agriculture education programs.	Rep Jack Chatfield	(amendment submitted by Senator Campos) \$200,000	<i>Passed Agriculture Committee</i> <i>Tabled in House Appropriations 2/11</i>
3rd Tier – SUPPORT					
HB143	3	NM Health Councils and Program,	Rep Gail Armstrong Senator Nancy Rodriguez		<i>Passed Health and Human Services Committee</i> <i>Tabled House Appropriation</i> <i>Some funding in DOH base budget</i>
SB10	3	Related to Public Schools; Requiring Free and Reduced-Fee Meal Application	Sen. Michael Padilla	\$1.5 million (in Governor's budget? This is a major priority for the NM School Nutrition Association)	<i>Passed Senate Education Committee</i> <i>Passed Senate Public Affairs Committee</i> <i>Signed by Governor</i>
4th Tier – NEUTRAL					

PENDING TIER ASSIGNMENT & BILLS OF INTEREST

SB102 & HB223		NM Agriculture and Natural Resource Trust Fund	Sen. Neville Sen Mimi Stewart Rep. Nathan Small		<p>HB223 heard in House Energy & Natural Resources 2/11/20 Not voted on. SB102 pulled from schedule</p> <p>\$1.8 million, over 3 years, appropriation in HB2&3, page 205, line 20-23, (138)</p>
SB252		Expand School Food Programs	Senator Pete Campos	(amendment submitted by Senator Campos)	<p>Senate Education Committee Senate Finance Committee</p> <p>Amendment submitted to SFC by Senator Campos No funding allocated.</p>
HB225		Relating to senior citizen services; creating the Kiki Saavedra senior dignity fund; providing purposes for the fund.	Representatives Gail Armstrong, Ferrary		<p>Passed House 62-0; Passed Senate Finance with amendments Awaits Senate Floor</p> <p>Possible funding source: HB225 Kiki Saavedra Senior Dignity Fund, HB2&3, page 197 (81) & page 233, (34)</p>
SM10		Donating School Meals to Student	Senator Nancy Rodriguez	A Task Force will be appointed by the NM Public Education Department to develop recommendations for	<p>Passed Senate Education Committee 2/14</p> <p>Passed Senate floor</p>

				food not wasted to be used for additional student meal options (after school, take home and weekends).	68:0 Signed by Governor
5th Tier – OPPOSE - NONE					

1st Tier – Lead

NM Food & Agriculture Policy Council (NMFAPC) takes the lead and is responsible for all organizing, advocacy, outreach and communications for these bills. We will track these bills and provide regular updates and action alerts. We will encourage NMFAPC members to attend legislative hearings and visit legislators. They may include bills of the NMFAPC members who ask us to take the lead.

2nd Tier - Endorse

Other organizations take lead on organizing and advocating for and communications and ask the NM Food & Ag Policy Council to stand in support, add to any advocacy communications, and tracking. NMFAPC’s name may be used by sponsoring organization(s). NMFAPC may support by signing on to endorsement letters but will work less directly on these bills.

3rd Tier – Support

Bills that we are for or against that the membership wants us to track, but not take a position on. Depending on the number and types of legislation in Tiers 1 and 2, NMFAPC may not have the capacity to track Tier 3 bills.

4th Tier – Neutral

Legislation that we do not have enough evidence for members to take a position or that we choose to not take action.

5th Tier - Oppose

The membership can choose to actively oppose.

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