

Accelerating Job Growth Agenda
Greater Albuquerque Chamber of Commerce
51st Legislature, Second Session

STATE FY15 BUDGET

Support

- LFC recommended minimum reserves of 9.5%
- LFC recommended 1.5% salary increase for all state employees and teachers but not at the expense of underfunding education reform and economic development
- Administration and LFC recommendations for additional compensation for positions with critical recruitment/retention issues including state police, correctional officers and protective services workers
- Capital outlay funding for major infrastructure projects to promote economic growth

Oppose

- Any General Fund Tax Increases
- Any use of Permanent Fund or other fund dollars for purposes not intended
- Reinstatement of Gross Receipts Tax on food sales

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

Oppose

- HJR3 and SJR12 to indefinitely extend the additional annual distribution from the Land Grant Permanent Fund for education reforms, teachers' salaries and early childhood programs
- HJR4 and SJR2 to eliminate the cabinet level Department of Education and replace it with a State Board of Education and Superintendent of Education
- HJR6 to limit classroom size in public schools
- SJR8 to expand the duties, functions and powers of the current Public Education Commission
- Joint Resolution to increase minimum wage

WATER

Support

- Administration recommendation targeting 60% (\$112M) capital outlay for water infrastructure
- Administration recommendation for \$2M for water research at New Mexico Water Resources Research Institute
- Administration recommendation for \$250K for Water Technical Assistance Fund
- Administration recommendation for \$200K for Dry Community Water Emergency Fund

HEALTHCARE WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Support

- Administration and LFC proposals to expand training of nurses, nurse practitioners, physicians, dentists and nurse educators
- Administration and LFC proposals for voluntary community health worker certification
- Administration and LFC proposals for attracting and retaining health care professionals
- Administration proposal for increased funding of nursing homes and behavioral health network

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Support

- LFC and Administration recommendations to fund JTIP as a recurring line item in the EDD budget at \$1.5M and administration recommendation of additional \$1.5M non-recurring
- Increasing both thresholds and caps for Angel Investment Tax Credit to attract investment
- Combining Technology Jobs/R and D Small Business tax credits, increasing the percent of new investment for which credit can be claimed, enhancing benefits and making credit refundable to enhance effectiveness
- Funding of \$15M for LEDA grants (closing fund)
- \$2M to the Technology Research Collaborative
- Administration and LFC recommendation for \$500K for New Mexico Main Street programs
- LFC recommendation of \$100K for state certified business incubators
- SB9 Creation of a One Stop Business Portal for all fees/filings
- Administration recommendation of \$100K for the state's trade missions in Taiwan, Brazil, Mexico and Israel
- \$6M for construction of the southern access road to Spaceport America to develop the full economic value of the Spaceport facility (capital outlay)

NEW MEXICO TOURISM

Support

- Administration and LFC appropriation of \$2.5M in new money to Tourism Department for advertising

NEW MEXICO PUBLIC SCHOOL EDUCATION

Support

- Confirmation of Hanna Skandera as Secretary of Education
- Administration and LFC recommendations to increase minimum starting teachers' salaries
- Administration recommendation of \$15.5M below the line for and LFC recommendation of \$13.5M below the line and New Mexico Reads to Lead
- LFC recommendation for \$25.950M below the line for Kindergarten-Three-Plus
- LFC recommendation for \$22.450M below the line for Pre-kindergarten

- Administration recommendation of \$12.1M below the line for pilot project to reward highly effective teachers and school leaders
- Administration recommendation of \$29M below the line for New Mexico Graduates Now, Parent Portal, struggling schools support and teacher/school leader education and preparation and New Mexico Teach Evaluation implementation
- Legislation to support teacher and school performance by adding part-time adjunct teachers, recruiting/retaining STEM teachers (budget item), accelerated advancement to administrator and through the 3-tier system
- Legislation to improve student outcomes by addressing truancy/dropouts and third grade reading retention

Oppose

- HB66 to create two high school diplomas for New Mexico public school graduates

HIGHER EDUCATION

Support

- Administration recommendation to reform Higher Education Endowment Fund and provide \$7.5M in endowment funds
- LFC and Administration recommendation for \$11M to meet Legislative Lottery Scholarship obligations for Spring semester
- SB8 In-state tuition for international STEM/business students

NEW MEXICO SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Support

- Two additional Judges for Civil Division in New Mexico Second Judicial District

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Support

- Streamlining traditional telephone service regulation to enhance consumer choice and promote investment in newer technologies for the state's largest incumbent providers

PUBLIC SAFETY

Support

- Increased penalties for repeat DWI offenders
- Repealing undocumented Immigrants law
- Requiring child abuse reporting

MILITARY AFFAIRS

Support

- Administration recommendation of \$600K for rural veterans' cemeteries
- Administration recommendation for \$1M to make permanent the Returning Heroes Fire Fighter program

Questions? Call:

Elizabeth Shipley, Chairman of the Board-463-6482

Terri L. Cole, President/CEO- 239-6553

Del Archuleta, Chair-Elect -235-1654

Rick Alvidrez, Executive Committee-842-4737

Norm Becker, Vice Chair, Healthcare - 401-2410

Dale Dekker, Vice Chair, 2065 Plan-239-8415

Jed Fanning, Vice Chair, Education Workforce-241-7576

Sherman Mc Corkle, Vice Chair, Public Policy-235-8719

Jacqueline DuBose Christensen, Lobbyist- 259-5304

Marc Christensen, Lobbyist- 554-5715