

LEGISLATIVE BULLETIN

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Money Here, Money There – Follow the Money

After Governor Martinez vetoed Senate Bill 176, the “feed bill” that pays for the operations of the Legislature during a session, the House and Senate on Monday approved a revised lower amount and sent that to the Governor. She has three days from when she receives to bill to act on it. In vetoing the original feed bill, the Governor sharply criticized the Legislative branch of keeping funding levels high while requiring other state agencies to reduce spending. In her Senate Executive Message # 3, the Governor said: “At a time when some legislators are talking about raising taxes on hard-working families, it is unacceptable to have one branch of government refusing to share the responsibility of reducing government spending. Rather than pass a responsible legislative funding bill, that pays staff and keeps our legislature operating, the Senate and the House Democrats chose to play political games and distract the public from a blatant attempt to expand their pot of taxpayer dollars.”

The Governor also signed, with some line-item vetoes, the solvency bills passed by the legislature. Left intact was a \$46 million sweep from school district reserves that the Governor had originally proposed to take \$120 million. She also vetoed \$4 million in cuts to the Local Economic Development Act. She vetoed \$8 million in cuts to the Public Education Department. The Governor also signed House Bill 4, which took distributions from the Fire Protection Fund and the Law Enforcement Protection Fund. Local agencies would still receive periodic payments instead of a lump-sum payment as in the past.

Some bills the League are monitoring saw committee action this week.

House Bill 63, Local Option Fuel Tax introduced by Representatives Bobby Gonzales and Randy Crowder, received a Do Pass recommendation from the House Local Government, Elections, Land Grants and Cultural Affairs Committee. The bill expands the fuels that may be taxed by a municipality or county and dedicates the proceeds for use only for public bridge and highway projects. Retail sellers of gasoline or special fuels must register with the municipality as a seller of fuel. The tax may be imposed at a rate of up to \$.05 per gallon by ordinance of the county or municipality in \$.01 increments subject to referendum. The bill is scheduled to be heard Friday in House Taxation and Revenue Committee.

House Bill 60, Broadband Infrastructure Development introduced by Representative Carl Trujillo and Senator Jacob Candelaria, received a Do Pass as amended recommendation from the House Business and Industry Committee. The bill amends the definition section of the Local Economic Development Act (LEDA) to include a definition for “broadband telecommunications network facilities” and expands the definition of “economic development project” or “project” to include infrastructure for rights-of-way for the placement of new broadband telecommunications network facilities.

House Bill 110, Bench Warrant Jurisdiction introduced by Representative Stephanie Garcia Richards, received a Do Pass recommendation from the House Local Government, Elections, Land Grant and Cultural Affairs Committee. The bill allows law enforcement officers in counties contiguous to the county in which a violation of a municipal ordinance has been alleged, to serve a municipal court process or make an arrest for the municipality, with the exception of parking violations. The bill now goes to House Judiciary Committee.

House Bill 53, Allow Curfew Ordinances introduced by House Minority Leader Nate Gentry, was tabled in House Local Government, Election, Land Grants and Cultural Affairs Committee. The bill would have provided the governing body of an incorporated municipality or county with the authority to adopt a curfew ordinance to regulate the actions of children between midnight and 5:00 a.m. and also during school hours on week days. Tabling the measure effectively kills the bill.

LEAGUE OFFICE PARKING DURING THE SESSION

Because of the demand for parking around the Capitol during the session, we must protect the availability of parking for our municipal officials and staff. In order to reduce the possibility of accidents, a few areas in our lots are designated by signs as “NO PARKING” AREAS.” If you are visiting the session and need to park in the League lots, please help us by observing the following rules:

- 1. Do not park in the areas designated as “NO PARKING” zones.*
 - 2. Obtain a League Parking Permit from the reception desk and leave it on the rear-view mirror of your car so that it’s easily visible.*
 - 3. DOUBLE PARKING OR PARKING BEHIND ANOTHER CAR IS NO LONGER PERMITTED IN OUR LOTS.*
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YOUR LEGISLATIVE BULLETIN

This is the first in the series of weekly League **Legislative Bulletins** designed to communicate with municipal officials, legislators and the Executive Branch of state government.

This year the League will publish the **Bulletin** electronically and will not distribute a printed copy. We will post the **Bulletin** on Friday mornings on the League’s website under the listing of “Publications.” We will then e-mail a link to the document to our membership through our list serve that we use to distribute *The Municipal Reporter*.

Municipal officials who receive the **Bulletin** include all mayors, commissioners, councilors, trustees, managers, clerks, municipal judges, police chiefs and many other municipal officials.

The **Legislative Bulletin** contains:

- ◆ a brief review of all bills of municipal interest of which we have received a copy since the prior Bulletin (it will save you and us time if you make a note of the House or Senate Bill number you are interested in);
- ◆ a brief analysis of key legislative developments of the past week;
- ◆ detailed explanations of key municipal bills; and, perhaps,
- ◆ an Action Call if any important municipal bill is scheduled to be heard in committee or on the floor of either house.

Your legislator can be reached by name through the **Legislative Switchboard: (505) 986-4300** in Santa Fe. For those of you on line, the Legislature’s web site also contains the e-mail addresses of those legislators who use the service. That address is: <http://www.nmlegis.gov>. Also check the League’s web site (www.nmml.org) for League information.

CAPITAL PROJECT FUNDING BILLS

Capital outlay project requests in recent years have not been introduced as legislative bills, but submitted as “capital outlay requests.” All approved requests are then included in a major capital outlay bill for final passage.

In past years we have reported these requests as we received the printed copies. The legislature will track all capital outlay requests electronically only. Therefore, we are no longer able to report the requests for you as we had in the past. However, the good news is that all requests will be listed on the legislative web site at nmlegis.gov (click on Capital Outlay). Each request is listed under the appropriate county and then alphabetically by title and includes the description of the request along with the dollar amount. Legislative Council Service will be updating the information every Tuesday and Friday evenings so the new introductions will be available for you early on Wednesdays and Saturdays. As always, you can contact your legislators directly to find out when your project will be scheduled for hearing.

BIOGRAPHY OF A BILL

A bill is introduced by a sponsoring legislator on the floor of either house, numbered by the clerk and referred for consideration to one or more committees of that house. The deadline for introduction of all bills except appropriations bills or bills requested by the Governor (*special messages*) is Noon on the 30th day of a 60-day session (**February 16**).

Committee recommendations usually determine the success or failure of a bill. A bill may be amended in committee or on the floor at any point in the process — sometimes changed so severely that its own author would not recognize it — or a substitute measure with the same number and general subject matter may be put in its place.

If you are interested in a particular bill, do not be dismayed if it seems to sit for a long time in committee, particularly in a tax, finance or appropriations committee. Bills which ask for money or for taxing authority often lie dormant until the last few days of a session and then move with unbelievable speed.

If a bill passes successfully through its committee referrals, it returns to the floor of the house in which it was introduced for floor consideration. If it passes that house, it goes to the other house. However, it may also be tabled, referred again or defeated.

In the second house the bill is again considered in one or several committees and it may again be amended or substituted. If it gets through its committee assignments, it returns to the floor of that house for consideration and may from there be referred, tabled, passed or defeated.

If the bill passes the second house and it has been amended or substituted by the second house, the originating house must concur or fail to concur with the changes. If the originating house fails to concur, a conference committee representing both houses is appointed to decide what to present to both houses for acceptance.

A bill that has been passed in some agreed-upon form by both the House and the Senate goes to the Governor for signature. The Governor may choose to sign or to veto the bill. If the bill contains an appropriation, the Governor may veto portions if she wishes (*line item veto*); if it does not, she may only veto the entire bill. If vetoed, 2/3 of the House and 2/3 of the Senate must vote in favor of the bill in order to override the veto. If the veto override fails, the bill is dead.

Most bills do not reach the Governor's desk before the Legislature adjourns (**Noon, March 18**). The Governor has 20 days following the close of the session (**Noon, April 7**) to sign, veto or fail to sign (*pocket veto*) any bill that he did not act on during the session. Any bill is much more likely to have died in committee or on the floor before even reaching the Governor's desk.

In New Mexico, no more than 1/4 to 1/3 of bills introduced ever make it all the way to enactment. The historic trend in New Mexico is for more and more introductions each succeeding session.

ABBREVIATION CODE

HB	House Bill	SB	Senate Bill
HCR	House Concurrent Resolution	SCR	Senate Concurrent Resolution
HJR	House Joint Resolution	SJR	Senate Joint resolution
HJM	House Joint Memorial	SJM	Senate Joint Memorial
HM	House Memorial	SM	Senate Memorial

* Contains Emergency Clause (effective immediately on Governor's signing)
 CA - Constitutional Amendment (requires approval by statewide electorate)

	HOUSE COMMITTEES	HCW	Committee of the Whole
HAFC	Appropriations and Finance	HEEC	Enrolling and Engrossing
HAWC	Agriculture and Water Resources		
HBIC	Business and Industry	SENATE COMMITTEES	
HCPAC	Consumer and Public Affairs	SCC	Committee's Committee
HEC	Education	SCONC	Conservation
HENRC	Energy, Environment and Natural Resources	SCORC	Corporations and Transportation
HHHC	Health and Human Services	SCW	Committee of the Whole
HJC	Judiciary	SEC	Education
HLEDC	Labor and Economic Development	SFC	Finance
HRC	Rules and Order of Business	SIAC	Indian and Cultural Affairs
HLELC	Local Government, Elections, Land Grant & Cultural Affairs	SJC	Judiciary
HSIVC	State Government, Indian & Veterans Affairs	SPAC	Public Affairs
HTRC	Taxation & Revenue	SRC	Rules
HTPWC	Transportation, Public Works & Capital Improvements		

Bill Introductions through Wednesday, February 1, 2017

- HB 251 PARTICIPATION IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT INVESTMENT POOL (Stapleton)** Amends §6-10-1.1; the bill adds the Educational Retirement Board, the Public Employees Retirement Association and the State Investment Council as “eligible governing bodies” that can invest in the local government investment pool. HSIVC
- HB 256 DRINKING WATER SYSTEM FINANCING (Powdrell-Cuthbert)** Appropriates \$1.8 million to the drinking water state revolving loan fund, a non-reverting fund, to match federal funds for the federal Safe Drinking Water Act and to comply with the provisions of the Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund Act. Effective 7/1/17. HAFC
- HB 262 SUNDAY LIQUOR SALES ON DECEMBER 31 (Trujillo, J)** Amends §60-7A-3; the bill authorizes the regulation and licensing department to issue permits to licensees for sales of liquor on December 31 from 11 am to 2 am the next morning when that day falls on a Sunday. HBIC
- HB 266 SHORT-TERM RENTAL OCCUPANCY TAX (Trujillo, C)** Amends §3-38-16; the bill eliminates an exemption from the occupancy tax for establishments that rent or lease three or fewer rooms or that have three properties in the same property tax jurisdiction each with one short-term rental offered or some combination of those properties and rentals. Effective 7/1/17. HBIC
- HB 267 EXEMPT COLLEGE CERTAIN PROPRIETARY INFO (Trujillo, C)** Amends §14-2-1; the bill exempts public post-secondary educational institutions from revealing certain proprietary information gathered by the institution or its faculty. HEC
- *HB 268 PUBLIC PROJECT REVOLVING FUND PROJECTS (Lundstrom, Powdrell-Culbert)** The bill authorizes the New Mexico Finance Authority to make loans from the Public Project Revolving Fund to the following municipalities for building, equipment, infrastructure, debt refinancing, road, land acquisition, water, wastewater, water rights and solid waste projects: Alamogordo; Bayard; Bosque Farms; Capitan; Carlsbad; Chama; Cimarron; Cloudcroft; Clovis; Columbus; Corrales; Deming; Dexter; Eagle Nest; Elephant Butte; Elida; Farmington; Fort Sumner; Hagerman; Hobbs; Hope; House; Jemez Springs; Lake Arthur; Los Ranchos de Albuquerque; Mountainair; Questa; Red River; Reserve; Rio Rancho; Roswell; San Ysidro; Santa Clara; Santa Fe; Santa Rosa; Springer; Truth or Consequences; Tularosa; Virden; Willard; and Williamsburg. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. HAFC
- HB 271 DRIVING UNDER INFLUENCE OF LIQUOR AND DRUGS (Powdrell-Cuthbert)** Amends § 66-1-1 and enacts new material and repeals §66-8-102; the bill enacts the Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicating Liquor or Drugs Act, replacing §66-8-102, which now contains all of the DWI provisions. HCPAC
- HB 272 IMPORT AND SALE OF FIREWOOD (Lente)** Enacts new material; the bill requires sellers, suppliers and transporters of firewood in New Mexico to maintain records of the source of the firewood sold, supplied or transported, unless transported or supplied for personal use. The NM Department of Agriculture will administer and monitor the program and require that the wood be labeled or treated pursuant to Department of agriculture provisions. Wood sold, supplied or transported in New Mexico must be treated as required by the Department to comply with quarantine rules and to avoid transport of invasive pest species. HBIC
- HB 275 PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP ACT (Larrañaga, Cisneros)** Same as SB 143. HTPWC/HLEDC/HJC
- HB 278 NOTICE & REVIEW OF EXEMPT PROCUREMENTS (Smith, Ivey-Soto)** Amends §6-10-1.1; the bill exempts from the Procurement Code procurement by a state agency or local public body of tangible property or services for the operation of public hospitals or public and private hospitals; same exemption for creating a network of health care providers or jointly operating health care services; requires a state

- SB 215 ENERGY AND WATER PROJECT FINANCING (Wirth)** Amends several sections of the Renewable Energy Financing District Act; includes water conservation along with renewable energy as projects under the Act; new material creates regional districts and allows two or more municipalities or two or more counties to enter into a joint powers agreement to create a regional district; the district shall have the same powers as a district pursuant to the Renewable Energy Financing District Act; repeals §5-18-10. SCONC/SCORC
- SB 222 “LOCAL PUBLIC BODY” EXEMPTION (Stefanics)** Amends §6-6-1; a local public body does not include a mutual domestic water consumers association, a land grant, an incorporated municipality or a special district with an annual revenue, exclusive of capital outlay, federal or private grants or capital outlay funds disbursed directly by an administrative agency, of less than \$50,000. Effective 7/1/17. SCONC/SFC
- SB 224 REGISTER VOTERS THREE DAYS BEFORE ELECTION (Steinborn)** Amends §1-4-5.1 to allow a person to register to vote three days before an election rather than 28 days currently. SRC/SPAC
- SB 231 INCREASE CIGARETTE & E-CIGARETTE TAXES (Morales)** Raises the cigarette tax to \$.158 per cigarette if cigarettes are package in lots of 20 or 25; raises the tax to \$.316 per cigarette if packaged in lots of 10; and raises the tax to \$.632 per cigarette if packaged in lots of five; included e-cigarettes in the definition of tobacco products; raises the tax rate for manufacture or distribution of tobacco products from 25% to 76 % of the product value of the product; also raise the tribal excise tax on cigarettes. SCORC/SFC
- SB 233 SANITARY PROJECT NEW ASSOCIATION STANDARDS (Griggs)** Amends §3-29-5; a new association shall not be formed under the Sanitary Projects Act after July 1, 2017 unless the association will serve at least 15 connections or a population of at least 25 people for at least six months of the year. SCONC/SJC
- SB 236 TAX AVERAGE DISTRIBUTION OR TRANSFER AMOUNT (Leavell)** Amends §7-1-6.15; average distribution of transfer amount means: 1) the average monthly amount distributed or transferred to a municipality or county in the 36-month period preceding the current month; 2) if a distribution or transfer to a municipality or county has been made for less than 3 years, the average monthly amount distributed or transferred in the 12-month period; or 3) if a distribution or transfer to a municipality or county has been made for less than 12 months, the monthly average amount distributed or transferred to the municipality or county in the months preceding the current month. SCORC/SFC
- SB 238 DUI PENALTIES AND CHANGES (Brandt)** Same as HB 271. SPAC/SJC/SFC
- SB 239 MOUNTAIN DAYLIGHT TIME AS PERMANENT NM TIME (Pirtle)** New material would make daylight savings time the permanent time in New Mexico. Effective 7/1/17. SPAC/SJC
- SB 247 LIQUOR TAX & COUNTY DEFINITION (Muñoz)** Amends §7-24-9 to reclassify the population range and property value for McKinley County; raises the maximum for a local liquor excise tax from six to nine percent. Effective 7/1/17. SCORC/SFC
- SB 248 UTILITY ACCEPTANCE OF GOV’T. RENEWABLE ENERGY (Stefanics)** Amends §62-16-7 to require the Public Regulation Commission to adopt rules regarding the renewable portfolio standard, including requiring utilities and electric cooperatives to participate in solar projects planned by local governments, political subdivisions or state post-secondary educational institutions and to accept the energy generated by those projects. SCONC/SCORC
- SB 254 SHORT-TERM RENTAL OCCUPANCY TAX (Sapien)** Amends §3-38-16; removes the exemption from the Occupancy Tax that a vendor must have at least three rooms within or attached to a taxable premise or at least three other premises for lodging or a combination of these within the taxable premise. Effective 7/1/17. SCORC/SFC

- SB 255 CRIME OF AUDIT OBSTRUCTION (Cervantes)** Same as HB 149. SPAC/SJC/SFC
- *SB 260 CAPITAL PROJECTS REVERSION DATES (Cervantes)** New material states any authorization for issuing Severance Tax Bonds for a specified capital project prior to the 52nd Legislature, First Session, that has not had bonds issued by January 1, 2017 shall be void; the reversion dates for Severance Tax Bonds for that period that have not been encumbered or had any expenditure shall revert to the Severance Tax Bonding Fund; capital projects funded by the General Fund made in fiscal year 2014 and have not been encumbered shall revert to the General Fund; reversion dates for projects funded from state funds prior to the 52nd Legislature, First Session, from fiscal year 2014 and subsequent years that have not been encumbered by January 1, 2017 shall revert to the originating fund. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. SPAC/SFC
- SB 262 LEGISLATIVE PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE (Cervantes)** New material creates a public works committee that is a permanent interim committee with 18 members; an eligible entity is a state agency or a political subdivision of the state; the committee shall solicit from legislators and eligible entities proposals for capital projects and may hold hearings and receive testimony; the committee shall evaluate the proposals based on a series of criteria, including public health and safety, job creation, available funding from other sources and phased completion; annually the committee shall submit to the legislature, governor and Department of Finance and Administration their evaluations. SRC/SFC
- SB 265 TAXATION OF INTERNET SALES (White, Trujillo, C.)** Amends §7-1-14 for a person engaging in business but is without physical presence in the state, “place of business” is the location where property or the product of a service being sold is delivered; “engaging in business” means the activities of a person without a physical presence that have less than \$100,000 of gross receipts during the prior calendar year; “gross receipts” included receipts from sales, including third-party sales made over a multi-vendor marketplace platform that acts as an intermediary, typically as the processor of the transaction between the seller and purchaser; the Department shall take no action to enforce collection of gross receipts tax for a tax period prior to July 1, 2017 on persons engaging in business if for those tax periods those persons 1) lacked a physical presence in the state; and 2) did not report taxable gross receipts. Effective 7/1/17. SCORC/SFC
- SB 269 STATE AGENCY INSTITUTIONAL RACISM POLICIES (Lopez)** New material requires state agencies and any entity receiving state funding to develop and implement policies to decrease institutional racism and provide effective, equitable and fair service to the state’s diverse communities; sets out several criteria for inclusion in the policies. SPAC/SJC
- SB 270 NO LOCAL ENFORCEMENT OF FED IMMIGRATION LAW (Lopez)** Amends §29-1-10; a law enforcement agency of the state or its political subdivisions, including home rule municipalities, shall not use state funds, equipment, personnel or resources no accept federal funds, equipment, personnel or resources for the purpose of detecting or apprehending persons whose only violation of law is that they have entered or are residing in the United State in violation of Title 8 of the United State Code, unless otherwise legally required to do so; no person shall be denied state benefits based on immigration status, ethnicity or religion; no employee of the state or political subdivisions shall request information or otherwise investigate a person’s immigration status, ethnicity or religion; no state or political subdivision employee shall report an undocumented alien to immigration officials; and no employee shall share with the federal government information regarding a person’s immigration status, ethnicity or religion. Effective 7/1/17.SPAC/SJC
- SB 272 STOLEN VEHICLE TOWING COSTS REPORT & RULES (Ortiz y Pino)** New material requires the Department of Public Safety to produce a report based on information over the past five year about: 1) the number of vehicles stolen and the number recovered; 2) the average towing costs and daily storage fees and if they vary at different times of day; 3) the number of recovered stolen vehicles that are not reclaimed and are ultimately sold at auction; 4) a review of the towing and storage policies implemented in other states; and 5) an examination of the public benefits and costs of requiring vehicles to be towed to a storage area or to the owner’s residence. Any law enforcement agency that recovers a stolen vehicle

shall notify the owner, if the owner's identity is ascertainable, before the vehicle is towed or stored.
SCORC/SJC

- SB 280 EMPLOYEE CREDIT INFO PRIVACY (Tallman)** New material prohibits an employer (does not make the distinction between a public or private employer) to discriminate in hiring, promoting, compensation, conditions of employment or rentals based on the employee's credit information; applies to labor organizations; credit information means a written, oral or other communication prepared by a consumer reporting agency regarding a person's creditworthiness, credit standing or credit capacity. Effective 7/1/17. SCORC/SJC
- SB 286 NM WILDLIFE PROTECTION & PUBLIC SAFETY ACT (Campos)** New material creates the New Mexico Wildlife Protection & Public Safety Act; it is a violation of the Act for a person or government entity to: 1) set or use a trap to or capture wildlife on public land; 2) set or use a body-gripping trap to kill or capture any feral or domestic animal on public land; or 3) to apply or use a poison to kill or injure wildlife or domestic or feral animal on public land; does not prohibit hunting, taking of wildlife to protect human health and safety, protecting public waterways, for scientific research, and abating damage to property, crops or livestock and creates penalties. Effective 7/1/17. SCORC/SJC/SFC
- SB 299 WHISTLEBLOWER PROTECTION ACT CHANGES (Candelaria)** Amends §§10-16A-1, 2, 3, 4 & 6; removes contractor from the definition of public employee; "retaliatory action" means taking a discriminatory or adverse employment action against a public employee that results in a tangible or significant change in the public employee's terms and conditions of public employment; removes malfeasance in public office and abuse of authority from the definition of unlawful or improper act; requires a public employee to communicate to an individual or entity in a position to further the public interest information about an action that the public employee believes in good faith constitutes an unlawful or improper act. A public employer that violates the provisions of the Whistleblower Protection Act may also be ordered to reinstate a classified non-supervisory employee with the same seniority status that the employee would have had but for the violation. SPAC/SJC
- SB 300 TRANSFER OF LIQUOR LICENSE TAX CREDIT (Muñoz)** New material allows an individual or corporation in McKinley County that purchased a liquor license for \$400,000 or more and transfers the license outside of that county to claim an income tax credit equal to 60% of the price paid; the stated purpose of the Liquor License Transfer Income Tax Credit is to reduce the number of liquor license in the county. SCORC/SFC
- SB 308 PRC TO FACILITATE RURAL BROADBAND SERVICE (Padilla)** Amends §63-9H-6; the Public Regulations Commission shall adopt rules that establish and implement a broadband program to provide funding to eligible telecommunications carriers for the construction and maintenance of facilities capable of providing broadband internet access service; sets a minimum of \$5 million a year to be dedicated to the program; sets a cap of \$30 million per year for total program costs. SCORC/SFC
- SB 309 REPORTING SALE OF SERVICES BY JURISDICTION (Smith)** Amends §7-1-14; a receipt for the sale of a professional service or a business service shall be reported from the jurisdiction where the service is delivered to the ultimate consumer of the service; if the jurisdiction cannot be determined, the jurisdiction shall be reasonably approximated; receipts from the sale of lobbying services shall be reported from the jurisdiction where the ultimate consumer: 1) is domiciled, if the consumer is an individual; or 2) has its principal place of business in this state, if the consumer is a business; business services includes the furnishing of insurance but does not include construction or the services of employees of a state agency or a local public body; defines professional services. Effective 7/1/17. SCORC/SFC
- SJR 13 CA: POCKET ENACTMENTS AND VETO MESSAGES (Candelaria)** Proposes to amend the New Mexico Constitution to require the Governor to either sign or veto all legislation delivered to that office, thereby prohibiting a "pocket veto"; requires a veto message for each veto. SRC/SJC

- SJR 15 CA: RIGHT TO HUNT & FISH (Muñoz)** Proposes to amend Article 2 of the New Mexico Constitution to add a new section stating the residents of New Mexico have a right to hunt, fish and harvest wildlife lawfully; wildlife belongs to this state and is held in trust for the benefit of the residents of this state; exclusive authority to enact laws to regulate the manner, methods or seasons for hunting, fishing and harvesting wildlife is vested in the legislature, which may delegate rulemaking authority to the State Game Commission; this section shall not be construed to modify any provision of common law or statutes relating to trespass or property rights. SRC/SCONC
- SJR 16 APPOINTED THREE MEMBER PRC (Sharer)** Proposes to amend Article 11, Section 1 of the New Mexico Constitution to provide for a three-member Public Regulation Commission appointed by the Governor with advice and consent of the Senate. SRC/SJC
- SM 43 STUDY RECYCLING OR REUSE OF WASTE MATERIALS (Stefanics)** Requests the Rio Grande Chapter of the Sierra Club lead a study of the potential recycling or reuse of waste materials; requests several other groups to join the study, including the New Mexico Municipal League; the following topics should be in the study: 1) use of composting waste; 2) recycling and reuse of rubber tires; 3) use of farm, dairy and ranch waste; 4) use for landfill waster; and 5) proposed use of sludge from wastewater and water plants; requests the study be completed by July 1, 2018. SRC/SCONC