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2021 Legislative Roundup

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New Mexico First followed over 80 bills during the 2021 regular session. Their progress and current status are included below. Abbreviations for legislative committees can be found [here](#).

Food, Hunger & Agriculture

- A. **HB 207 Food Hunger & Farm Act.** Sponsors: M. Stansbury, J. Ferrary, E. Stefanics, K. Bash. Received a do pass recommendation on committee substitution and did not proceed further. However, received \$275,000 from junior appropriation bill (SB 377) with resources from Representatives Stansbury, Ferrary, and Ortez. See [SB 377](#) General Appropriations and Expenditures, **signed into law by the Governor.**
- B. **HB 98 Omnibus Tax Bill** (opposes a food tax). Sponsor: J. Martinez, J. Harper. **Passed.** Received a do pass from HTRC on a committee substitution. Passed the House floor 65-0. Received a do pass from STBTC, and passed the Senate floor 42-0. **Signed into law by the Governor.**
- C. **HB 42 Low-Income Comprehensive Tax Rebate Changes.** Sponsor: C. Chandler and C. Sweetser. Received a do pass from HCPAC and did not proceed any further.
- D. **SB 339 Low-Income Comprehensive Tax Rebate.** Sponsor: J. Candelaria. Sent to STBTC and did not proceed.
- E. **HB 133 College Hunger Reduction Pilot Program.** Sponsors: J. Ferrary, K. Bash, M. Stansbury. Received a do pass from HAWC and did not proceed. However, received \$100,000 from junior appropriation bill (SB 377) with resources from Representative Ferrary. See [SB 377](#) General Appropriations and Expenditures, **signed into law by the Governor.**
- **HB 132 Emergency Food Bank Food Items.** Sponsors: J. Ferrary, M. Stansbury, K. Bash, et al. Received a do pass with amendment from HHHC and did not proceed.
 - **HB 2 and HB 117 General Appropriation Act of 2021.** Sponsors: P. Lundstrom, N. Small. **Passed.** Support funding request for Cooperative Extension, Ag Experimentation Stations, and Ag Centers of Excellence w/NMSU. Received a do pass from HAFc on committee substitution, and passed the House floor 60-10. Received a do pass with amendments from SFC. Passed in the Senate 29-13. The House concurred with the Senate amendments. **Signed into law by the Governor.**
 - **SB 81 Racial Impact of Certain Legislation.** Sponsors: B. O'Neill, S.W. Stapleton. Received a do pass with amendment from SJC and did not proceed.
 - **SB 185 NM-Grown Produce in Senior Centers.** Sponsor: E. Stefanics. Received a do pass recommendation from SCONC and did not proceed. However, \$97,600 was included for the program to General Appropriations (HB 2/3a and SB 377a), which were **signed into law by the Governor.**
 - **HB 170 NM-Grown Produce in Child Care Centers.** Sponsors: R. Dow, K. Fajardo. Received a do pass recommendation from HAWC and did not proceed.
 - **HB 243 Farmers' Market Double Up Program.** Sponsor: G. Armstrong. Received a do pass recommendation with amendment from HAWC and did not proceed.
 - **HB 33 Livestock Board Meat Inspections.** Sponsors: R. Dow, D. Armstrong, G.A. Romero, et al. Received a do pass recommendation on committee substitution from HAWC, a do pass from HAFc, and passed the House floor 69-0. Received a do pass recommendation from SCONC and did not proceed.
 - **HB 121 Meat Processing & Marketing Program.** Sponsors: J. Chatfield, G. Armstrong, R. Dow, et al. SB 173 Meat Processing Program. Sponsor: P. Woods. Received a do pass recommendation from HAWC and did not proceed.
- F. **SB 229 Healthy Food Financing Act.** Sponsor: C. Hamblen. Received a do pass recommendation from STBTC, a do pass recommendation on committee substitution from SFC and passed in the Senate 34-2. Received a do pass recommendation from HHHC and did not proceed. However, received \$100,000 from junior appropriation bill (SB 377) with resources from Senator Hamblen. See [SB 377](#) General Appropriations and Expenditures, **signed into law by the Governor.**

- G. **[SB 101 Agricultural Workforce Development Program.](#)** Sponsors: P. Woods, A. Sedillo-Lopez. *Received a do pass recommendation from SCONC and did not proceed. However, received \$125,000 from junior appropriation bill ([SB 377](#)), which was **signed into law by the Governor.***
- H. **[SB 157 Acequias and Land Grants in Public Education.](#)** Sponsor: P. Campos. *Received a do pass recommended from SIRC and did not proceed further.*
- I. **[SB 214 Pipeline for Acequia de las Vegas.](#)** Sponsor: P. Campos. *Received a do pass recommendation from SIRC and did not proceed.*
- J. **[HB 194 Acequia Help for Adjudication Settlements.](#)** Sponsor: Kristina Ortez. *Received a do pass recommendation from HAWC and HSEIC. Withdrawn from the House calendar, referred to HRC and did not proceed.*
- K. **[HB 89 Healthy Soil Tax Refund Contribution Option.](#)** Sponsors: J. Chatfield, G. Armstrong, C. Chandler, et al. **Passed.** *Received a do pass recommendation from HAWC and HTRC and passed the House 67-0. Received a do pass with from SCON, and passed in the Senate 36-1. **Signed into law by the Governor.** Also received \$50,000 to NMDA via [SB 377](#) General Appropriations and Expenditures, **signed into law by the Governor.***

Good Governance

- A. Redistricting Act
- **[SB 199 Redistricting Act.](#)** Sponsors: G. Ortiz y Pino and M. Moores (mirror of HB 211). *Referred to SRC/SJC/SFC. Succeeding entries: S 15.*
 - **[HB 211 Redistricting Act.](#)** Sponsors: R. Dow, N. Figueroa, K. Fajardo, J. Garratt, et al. (mirror of SB 199). *Received a do pass recommendation from HSEIC, a do pass with amendment in HJC, and a do pass recommendation from HAFc and was embedded into SB 304 sponsored by Senator McKenna and **passed** the House and Senate Floor and is awaiting the Governor's signature.*
 - **[SB 304 Voting District Geographic Data.](#)** Sponsor: B. McKenna. **Passed.** *Received a do pass with amendment from SRC. Received a do pass from SHPAC and passed in the Senate 31-6. Received a do pass from HSEIC and passed the House with a floor amendment to add provisions from HB 211 The Redistricting Act 64-2. The Senate has concurred with House Amendments. **Signed into law by the Governor.***
- B. **[HB 2 General Appropriation Act of 2021.](#)** Sponsors: P. Lundstrom and N. Small. **Passed.** *Support Funding Request for Ethics Commission. Received a do pass from HAFc on committee substitution, and passed the House floor 60-10. Received a do pass with amendments from SFC. Passed in the Senate 29-13. The House concurred with the Senate amendments. **Signed into law by the Governor.***
- C. **[SB 377 General Appropriations and Expenditures.](#)** Sponsor: G.K. Muñoz. **Passed.** *Received a do pass on committee substitution from SFC and passed in the Senate 38-0. Received a do pass recommendation with amendment from HAFc and passed in the House 64-3. Senate has concurred with House Amendments. **Signed into law by the Governor.***
- D. **[SB 393 Vibrant Communities Act.](#)** Sponsor: G. Ortiz y Pino. *Received a do pass from SHPAC and did not proceed.*
- E. **[HB 55 Publication of Capital Outlay Allocation.](#)** Sponsors: M. McQueen, B. Tallman, N. Figueroa, et al. **Passed.** *Received a do pass in HSEIC, passed with a House floor amendment 65-1. Received a do pass with amendment by SRC, received a do pass with amendment from SFC, passed with a Senate amendment 40-0. The House has concurred with the Senate amendments. **Signed into law by the Governor.***
- F. **[HB 231 Native American Polling Place Protection.](#)** Sponsor: G. Louis, D.W. Johnson, D. J. Lente, et al. **Passed.** *Received a do pass with amendment from HSEIC, a do pass recommendation from HJC, passed with an amendment in the House 69-0. Received a do pass with amendment from SRC, a do pass with amendment from SIRC, and passed in the Senate 40-1. The House has concurred with Senate amendments. **Signed into law by the Governor.***

Broadband Access and Equity & Economic Development

Broadband

- G. **[SB 93 Broadband Access & Expansion Act.](#)** Sponsors: Padilla, E. Stefanics. **Passed.** *Received a do pass in STBTC, a do pass from SFC with amendment, and passed in the Senate 33-6. Received a do pass from HSEIC, passed in the house with a floor amendment 61-4, and*
- the Senate concurred with the House amendments. **Signed into law by the Governor.**
- **[HB 86 Native American Library, Internet, and Education.](#)** Sponsor: D. Lente. *Received a do pass from HEC and did not proceed.*

- **[HB 10 Broadband Development Division](#)**. Sponsors: N. Figueroa, J. Garratt, Susan Herrera, et al. **Passed**. Received a do pass on committee substitution from HTPWC. Received a do pass on committee substitution from HAFC, and passed in the House 64-6. Received a do pass with amendment from SFC and passed in the Senate 32-0. The House has concurred with Senate amendments. **Signed into law by the Governor**.
- **[HB 141 Education Infrastructure Technology Definition](#)**. Sponsors: D. Sariñana, J. Garratt, N. Figueroa, et al. Received a do pass recommendation from HEC and HTPWC and passed in the House 66-1. Received a do pass from SEC and SFC, and did not proceed.

Economic Development

- **[HB 16 Rural Opportunities Interim Committee](#)**. Sponsors: R. Montoya, A. Castellano, C. Sweetser.

Health

Workforce

- **[HB 23 Med School Licensure](#)**. Sponsor: D. Gallegos. **Passed**. Received a do pass out from HHC, do pass with amendments from HEC and passed the House 65-0. Received a do pass with amendment from SEC, a do pass from SHPAC, and passed the Senate 37-0. **Signed into law by the Governor**.
- **[HB 45 Change in Rural Health Practitioner Tax Credit](#)**. Sponsor: M. Garcia. Received a do pass from House HHS, and was not heard and did not proceed..
- **[HB 109 Nurse Practitioner Changes](#)**. Sponsors: G. Armstrong & D. Y. Gallegos. Assigned to House HHS and the bill was pulled and did not proceed.
- **[HB 125 Behavioral Health Practitioner Changes](#)**. Sponsor: D. Hochman-Vigil. Received a do pass from House HHC, a do pass with amendment from HSEIC, and passed the House 68-9. Received a do pass with amendment from SHPAC, a do pass from SJC, and passed in the Senate with a Senate floor amendment 41-0. **Signed into law by the Governor**.

Addressing Toxic Stress and Trauma and Building Resilience

- **[SB 128 Suicide Prevention, Response & Treatment Act](#)**. Sponsor: B. O'Neill. The committee substitute received a Do Pass out of Senate Health & Public Affairs, but did not proceed further.
- **[SB 30 Anna Age 8 Institute](#)**. Sponsor: W. Soules. Received a do pass out of Senate Education. There were questions about return on investment and the bill did not proceed.
- **[HB 123 Limited Immunity for Overdose Programs](#)**. Sponsor: D. Armstrong. Passed through the House

Received a do pass recommendation with amendment from HLLC, received a do pass with amendment from HSEIC, and passed in the House 65-0. Sent to the SRC and did not proceed.

- **[HB 38 Paid Family and Medical Leave Act](#)**. Sponsors: C. Chandler, P. R. Caballero, L. Serrato. Received a do pass recommendation with amendment in HCEDC and a do pass with amendment from HJC and did not proceed.
- **[HB 72 Family-Friendly Workplace Education and Training](#)**. Sponsor: C. Trujillo. Received a do pass recommendation from HHC and did not proceed.
- **[SB 53 Procurement Changes](#)**. Sponsors: B. O'Neill, A.M. Maestas. Received a do pass recommendation on committee substitution from STBTC and did not proceed.

- **[HB 150 Medical School Scholarship Act](#)**. Sponsor: K. Bash. Received a do pass with a committee substitute in HEC, but did not proceed.
- **[SB 45 Prepare Medical Students in Underserved Areas](#)**. Sponsor: Ortiz y Pino. Received a do pass in SIRC and did not proceed.
- **[SB 61 Rural Primary Care Clinician Loan Repayment](#)**. Sponsor: Ortiz y Pino. Received a do pass from SIRC, and Senate Finance, passed the Senate Floor unanimously. It then received a do pass from HHC but was not heard on the House Floor and did not proceed.
- **[SB 62 Health Care Preceptor Income Tax Credit](#)**. Sponsor: G. Ortiz y Pino. Sent to Senate STBTC and was never heard.
- **[SB 76 Sierra County Special Hospital District](#)**. Sponsor: C. Diamond. Sent to Senate HPA, received a do pass but did not proceed.
- **[SB 108 Perinatal Service Program](#)**. Sponsor: G. Ortiz y Pino. Referred to Senate HPA, received a do pass but did not proceed.

completely and through Senate Health and did not proceed further.

- **[HB 215 Addiction Screening Coverage](#)**. Sponsor: D. Hochman-Vigil. Passed through the House but was not heard on the Senate side.
- **[SB 398 Rural Substance Abuse Recovery Services](#)**. Sponsor: R. Gonzales. Passed Senate Indian Rural and Cultural Affairs committee, but was not heard in Senate Finance and did not proceed.

- **SB 317 No Behavioral Health Cost Sharing.** Sponsors: M. Hickey, J. Steinborn. **Passed.** *This passed with the surtax amendment. Signed into law by the Governor.*

General Health Equity

- **HB 4 NM Civil Rights Act.** Sponsors: G. Louis, B. Egolf, J. Cervantes. *Received a do pass from HSEIC, a do pass on committee substitution from HJC, received a house floor amendment, and passed the house 39-29. Reported by committee without a recommendation with amendment by SHPAC, received a do pass recommendation with amendment from SJC, received multiple floor amendments in the Senate, and passed the Senate 26.15. The House has concurred with Senate Amendments. Signed into law by the Governor.*
- **HB 192 Extend Human Rights Act to Public Bodies.** Sponsor: B. Barreras. *Received a do pass int HLLC, and a do pass out of HSEIC, passed the floor in the House, was sent to Senate Judiciary and did not proceed.*

Continuum of Care

- **HB 32 Full Time Nurse in Every School.** Sponsor: D. Sariñana (Mirror of SB 31). *Referred to HEC, withdrawn from HHC, re-referred to HEC and did not proceed.*
- **HB 67 Primary Care Council Act.** Sponsor: D. Armstrong. **Passed.** *Received a do pass recommendation from HHC and HSEIC. Passed in the House 67-0. Received a do pass recommendation from SHPAC and STBTC, and passed in the Senate 41-0. Signed into law by the Governor.*
- **HB 104 Expand Rural Health Tax Credit for Pandemic.** Sponsor: A. Allison. *Received a do pass from HHC and did not proceed.*
- **HB 151 NM Behavioral Health Consortium.** Sponsor: K. Bash. *Received a do pass recommendation on committee substitution from HHC but did not proceed.*
- **HB 178 Counseling & Therapy Licensure.** Sponsor: D.W. Johnson. **Passed.** *Received a do pass recommendation from HHC, HSEIC and passed in the House 67-0. Received a do pass recommendation from SHPAC and*

- **SB 316 Gender & Orientation Data Collection.** Sponsor: C. Hamblen. *Received a do pass from SHPAC, a do pass from Senate HPA, a do pass with amendments out of Senate Judiciary, passed the Senate floor, received a do pass at HHC with amendments but did not proceed.*
- **HB 122 Health Insurance Premium Surtax.** Sponsor: D. Armstrong. *It received a do pass out of HHC, Do pass out of HTRC, Do pass out of HAF, Pass the House floor, Was sent to Senate Finance and did not proceed.*
- **SB 230 Institutional Racism in State Agencies.** Sponsors: L. Lopez, P. Roybal Caballero, H. Pope, Jr. *Got a do pass out of SHPAC, got a do pass out of Senate Judiciary with amendments, passed the senate floor, there was a do pass out of HSEIC, was sent to the House Floor but did not proceed further.*

STBTC and passed in the Senate 37-0. Signed into law by the Governor.

- **SB 31 Full Time School Nurse.** Sponsor: E. Stefanics (Mirror of HB 32). *Received a do pass recommendation with amendments from SEC and did not proceed.*
- **SB 23 Health Care Purchasing Act.** Sponsor: M. Padilla. *Received a do pass recommendation from SHPAC, a do pass recommendation with amendment from STBTC, and passed in the Senate 32-7. Received a do pass recommendation for HHC and did not proceed.*
- **SB 119 Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact.** Sponsor: G. Ortiz y Pino. *Received a do pass recommendation from SHPAC and did not proceed.*
- **SB 117 Social Worker Need & Availability Assessment.** Sponsor: G. Ortiz y Pino. *Received a do pass recommendation from SHPAC but did not proceed.*
- **HB 252 Covid Vaccine Outreach & Info.** Sponsor: L. Serrato. *Referred to HHC but was not heard and did not proceed.*

Education

College and Career Readiness

- **HB 100 College and Career Readiness Systems.** Sponsor: R. Lara. *Received a do pass with amendment from HEC and did not proceed.*
- **SB 107 College and Career Readiness Systems Statewide.** Sponsor: R. Gonzales. *Referred to SEC but was not heard and did not proceed.*
- **SB 135 Opportunities Scholarship Act.** Sponsors: B. O'Neill, J. Garratt. *Received a do pass recommendation with amendment from SEC, a do pass on committee*

substitution from SFC, passed in the Senate 36-4 and did not proceed further.

- **SB 240 Vocational Training Scholarship Act.** Sponsor: C. Pirtle. *Received a do pass in SEC and did not proceed further.*
- **SB 337 Workplace Preparation School Programs.** Sponsor: R. Gonzales. *Referred to SEC/SFC but was not heard and did not proceed further.*
- **SB 401 Career Technical Education Under PED.** Sponsor: M. Padilla. *Referred to SEC/SHPAC but was not heard and did not proceed further.*

- **[SB 348 Employment Boot Camp Training](#)**. Sponsors: G. Ortiz y Pino, M. A. Dixon. *Received a do pass recommendation by SEC and did not proceed further.*

Education - General

- **[HB 83 Change Graduation Requirements](#)**. Sponsor: G.A. Romero. *Received a do pass recommendation in HEC. Received a do pass recommendation with amendment in HSEIC, and passed in the House 66-1. Sent to SEC/SHPAC, was not heard, and did not proceed further.*
- **[HB 22 Grow Your Own Teacher Act](#)**. Sponsors: J. Garratt, M. Padilla, R. Lara. **Passed.** *Received a do pass with amendment by HEC, received a do pass from HSEIC and passed in the House 69-0. Received a do pass recommendation from SEC and SHPAC, and passed in the Senate 38-0. Signed into law by the Governor.*
- **[SB 175 Rural Teachers Tax Credit](#)**. Sponsor: D. Gallegos. *Was referred to STBTC/SFC but was not heard and did not proceed further.*
- **[SB 319 School Use of Restraint](#)**. Sponsor: L. Lopez. *Reported to SEC without a recommendation with amendments. Did not proceed further.*
- **[SB 144 Remote Education Technology](#)**. Sponsor: P. Campos. **Passed.** *Received a do pass recommendation from SEC, SFC and passed in the Senate 32-8. Received a do pass recommendation with amendment in HEC, a do*

pass recommendation with amendment in HAFC, and passed in the House 60-0. The Senate has concurred with House amendments. Signed into law by the Governor.

- **[SB 210 Ethnic Studies Education](#)**. Sponsor: L. Lopez, P. R. Caballero. *Received a do pass recommendation from SEC, a do pass with amendment from SFC, and passed in the Senate 24-14. Received a do pass from HEC, was put on the House calendar but was not heard and did not proceed further.*
- **[HB 287 Access to Culturally Appropriate Services](#)**. Sponsor: W. Johnson. **Passed.** *Received a do pass from HEC, a do pass with amendments from HAFC, and passed in the House 65-0. Received a do pass recommendation with amendment from SEC, and a Senate Floor amendment, and passed the Senate 38-1. The bill is now awaiting the Governor's signature.*
- **[HB 222 Special Education Ombud Act](#)**. E. Thomson, L. Lopez, J. Ferrary, S.C. Hemphill. **Passed.** *Received a do pass recommendation from HEC, a do pass on committee substitution from HAFC, and passed in the House 68-0. Received a do pass recommendation from SJC, and passed in the Senate 36-0. Signed into law by the Governor.*

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