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To: IPANM Members  
 From: Karin Foster  
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 Re: NM Session Pre-filed Legislation

Dear Members:

This year in Santa Fe, the Legislature will hold a 30-day session. The short sessions are intended to review budget issues only – but often the Governor issues messages on issues important to her, or members on the two Rules Committees find certain bills ‘germane.’

I have compiled a short list of bills that have been pre-filed and as always, will add to the list as bills are introduced which I will send out to members on a weekly basis.

As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me anytime.

Thank you.

Karin

2016 Session - IPANM review of bills		
HOUSE bills		
<b>Bill #</b>	<a href="#">HB 26</a>	<b>SOLAR MARKET DEVELOPMENT CREDIT</b>
<b>Sponsor</b>	Maestas Barnes	repeals sunset for Solar credit, allows for up to 10% tax credit for the installation of solar thermal or photovoltaic systems on a residence, business or agricultural entity owned by the taxpayer; sunsets in 2025.
<b>Status</b>	prefiled	
<b>related bill</b>	SB 13	
<b>sponsor</b>	Stewart	
<b>Bill #</b>	<a href="#">HB 107</a>	<b>REDUCED TAX RATE FOR CERTAIN OIL AND GAS WELLS</b>
<b>Sponsor</b>	Strickler	Amends severance tax for gas from stripper well to 17/8th if value of gas is less than \$3; Amends severance tax for natural gas extracted from a stripper well to 2 3/16% if the average annual taxable value of gas was greater than \$3 per mcf but not more than \$3.50 (increased from \$1.15 and \$1.35 respectively); amends severance tax for oil from stripper wells to 17/8% if value of oil is equal or less than \$60 (increased from \$15); if the value is greater than \$60 but less than \$65, amends severance tax to 23/16%,
<b>status</b>	prefiled	
<b>related bill</b>		
<b>sponsor</b>		
<b>bill #</b>	<a href="#">HB 110</a>	<b>PUBLIC WORKS MINIMUM WAGE APPLICATION</b>



<b>sponsor</b>	Townsend/ Scott	Amends the prevailing wage and benefits determinations for public works project to apply to Class A counties only. (100,000 population or greater)
<b>status</b>	prefiled	
<b>related bill</b>		
<b>Sponsor</b>		
<b>BILL #</b>	<a href="#">HB 112</a>	<b>CARLSBAD BRINE WELL REMEDIATION</b>
<b>sponsor</b>	Brown	IDENTICAL TO SENATOR LEAVELLS BILL SB 8
<b>status</b>	prefiled	
<b>related bill</b>	SB 8	
<b>sponsor</b>	Leavell	

SENATE bills		
<b>Bill #</b>	<a href="#">SB 8</a>	<b>CARLSBAD BRINE WELL REMEDIATION</b>
<b>Sponsor</b>	Leavell	creates a 5 member board consisting of all government personnel - the Chair is the current mayor of Carlsbad, a representative from Eddy County Commission, the Secretary of EMNRD, Secretary of DOT and the Director of the Carlsbad irrigation District; allows for acceptance of appropriations and private donations; starts with a \$150000 appropriation. The Board shall set policy, regulate and supervise the remediation of the Carlsbad brine well and may acquire or condemn property.
<b>Status</b>	prefiled	
<b>related bill</b>		
<b>sponsor</b>		
<b>Bill #</b>	<a href="#">SB 19</a>	<b>DISASTER RESPONSE TAX &amp; LICENSURE</b>
<b>Sponsor</b>	Payne	This bill is to incentivize workers to come to NM during emergencies; natural gas gathering, processing, storage and transmission are added to critical infrastructure definition.
<b>Status</b>	prefiled	
<b>related bill</b>		
<b>sponsor</b>		
<b>Bill #</b>	<a href="#">SB 22</a>	<b>TAXATION OF IN-STATE SALES OF INTANGIBLES</b>
<b>Sponsor</b>	Wirth/Harper	Expands sales tax factor to tangibles and intangibles including the sale, lease, rental or license of real property and intangible property to the extent the property is used in the state;
<b>Status</b>	prefiled	
<b>related bill</b>		
<b>sponsor</b>		
<b>Bill #</b>	<a href="#">SB 34</a>	<b>TAX RATE DIFFERENTIAL OF CERTAIN OIL</b>
<b>Sponsor</b>	Kernan	oil removed from natural gas at or near the wellhead produced from a qualified EOR project that involved CO2 may receive a 17/8th% tax credit if the WTI price of oil is less than \$60 per barrel.( Other oil is left at a \$28 pbl level)
<b>Status</b>		
<b>related bill</b>		
<b>sponsor</b>		
<b>Bill #</b>	<a href="#">SB 41</a>	<b>CREATE INSPECTOR GENERAL OFFICE</b>
<b>Sponsor</b>	Padilla	Creates a new office of the Inspector General to conduct investigations of state agencies; This is a new office within the Legislative branch which is overseen by a Committee consisting of 8 legislators. The IG will report matters requiring criminal, civil or administrative action to the appropriate agency.
<b>Status</b>	prefile	
<b>related bill</b>		
<b>sponsor</b>		
<b>Bill #</b>	<a href="#">SB 47</a>	<b>UTILITY FACILITY PROPERTY TAX VALUATION</b>
<b>Sponsor</b>	C. Sanchez	"All property used for the generation, transmission or distribution of electric power or energy that is contributed to the utility or constructed with funds contributed to the utility for that purpose shall not be valued; in addition, tangible property costs may be devalued by including functional and economic obsolescence" This is a codification of a practice the Rural Co-ops
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<b>related bill</b>		
<b>sponsor</b>		

		have used in valuing their portfolios; there is a pending lawsuit by the Harding County Assessor to value a donated line at \$40 million which would increase rates for members of that co-op. This donation process has been used by operators to get lines build in the oil patch
<b>Bill #</b>	<a href="#">SB 64</a>	<b>NORTHEASTERN NEW MEXICO GROUNDWATER MAPPING</b>
<b>Sponsor</b>	Woods	Grants an appropriation of 1,724,000 to NM Tech Bureau of Geology and Mines to conduct hydrologic study of ground water aquifer and mineral resources underlying Harding, Colfax, Union and Mora Counties.
<b>Status</b>		
<b>related bill</b>		
<b>sponsor</b>		
<b>Bill #</b>	<a href="#">SJR 2</a>	<b>PERMANENT FUNDS FOR CHILDHOOD EDUCATION</b>
<b>Sponsor</b>	Padilla	To have a ballot measure to change the constitution to add another beneficiary to the Land Grant Permanent Fund.
<b>Status</b>		
<b>related bill</b>		
<b>sponsor</b>		
<b>Bill #</b>	<a href="#">SJR 3</a>	<b>PERMANENT FUNDS ANNUAL DISTRIBUTIONS</b>
<b>Sponsor</b>	Padilla	To have a ballot measure to Permanently Increase annual distributions of the fund from 5% to 5.8% to all beneficiaries; Governor Richardson had increased the distribution from 5 to 5.5% but that sunsets this year.
<b>Status</b>		
<b>related bill</b>		
<b>sponsor</b>		
<b>Bill #</b>	<a href="#">SJM 4</a>	<b>IMPORTANCE OF ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION</b>
<b>Sponsor</b>	M. Sanchez	Asks the Governor to announce a week in April 'Environmental Education Week' and encourages PreK - 12 teachers to take students outside for 1 hour that week to study the environment. Demands SLO, CYFD, Governor and EMNRD to study the feasibility of a grant program to study environmental issues.
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<b>sponsor</b>		