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To: IPANM members
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 Re: Week 1 – NM Legislative Session

Dear IPANM members –

The 2015 Session is off and running. With the historic nomination of Republican Don Tripp as Speaker of the House, the House Leadership has been busy assigning committee chairs, members and offices. House Leadership also reorganized the committee structure to ensure timely consideration of bills. In addition, we welcomed former IPANM President Larry Scott to the ranks of Representative and member of the House Energy Committee. Thank you Larry for agreeing to serve our state.

Below, I have included the names of the new committees and therefore acronyms. In addition, the very important House Energy Committee has new members whom every member of IPANM should get to know. I have included their information below as well. This year I have decided to split out the bills by subject matter rather than by Chamber so the table will look a bit different. As always, if you have any questions, please call me anytime.
 Thank you.

Energy Bills			
Number	Name	Sponsor	Committee status
HB 33	Pipeline Safety Act Civil Penalties	McCamley	HSCAC/HEENC
	Increases penalties from \$25,000 per violation to match federal penalties which are \$100,000 to \$1,000,000 per violation under the Federal Pipeline Safety Act. According to the sponsor this bill is at the request of PRC staff. It appears that pipeline companies will not oppose this bill		
HB 38	Forest & Watershed Restoration Act	Bandy/Wirth	
	Creates a new Board within EMNRD to 'increase the adaptability and resilience to recurring drought and extreme weather events of the state's forests' (interpret as thinning); uses \$1.2 million from Insurance Suspense Fund		
HB 109	Transmission Line Corridors	McCamley	HEENC/HTPWC
	Prohibits PRC from approving proposed transmission lines outside predesignated corridors based on planning, environmental and land use conflict studies.		
HB 114	No False Statements to NMED	Egolf	HEENC/HRPAC
	prohibits false statements to NMED for liquid waste permits; penalty of \$10,000 per violation; This bill was introduced by this sponsor previously with penalties for any reporting error or false statement to NMED.		

HB 116	Regional Utility Construction of Transmission	Brown	HEENC/HBEC
	This bill was drafted to assist Excel against independent transmission developers and to overcome a recent FERC decision taking away the right of first refusal on development projects.		
HB 154	Local Govnt review of business leases	Steinborn	HBEC/HGEIC
	allows local municipality or county to review and approve business leases executed by the SLO		
HM 1	EMNRD Website Oil & Gas Info	Caballero	House table - not referred
	requires NMOCD to post all info from 2008 to 2014 on number of stripper and inactive wells; number of inspectors; violations of OG Act; response of NMOCD to each violation that threatened or contaminated ground water; must report to three interim committees and governors recommendations that address public concern about impact of drilling on groundwater		
HM 16	Veto certain capital outlay & use for roads	Gallegos	House table - not referred
	requests the Governor to veto all capital appropriations for counties that have banned or severely restricted oil and gas exploration and prioritize the funds for highway improvements statewide.		
SB 114	Local govnt special fuels taxes	Griggs	SCORC/ SFC
	takes natural gas out of the special fuels act; authroizes a municipality or any county to tax special fuels classified here mostly as biofuels.		
SB 247	Utility transmisssion first right to construct	Ingle	SCONC/SJC
	Excel Bill		
Water and Agriculture Bills			
Bill Number	Name	Sponsor	Committee status
HB 157	Water project fund money for conservation	McCamley	HAWC/HWMC
	requires that 20% of loans and grants from water project fund be used to fund water conservation projects		
SB 73	Landowner taking or killing animals on land	Soules	SCONC/SJC
	limits ability of land owner or lessee to take or kill animals causing damage to crops or pastures by grazing; requires notification to Game and Fish		
SB 156	NMSU Water Resource Research Institute	Papen/ McMillan	SCONC/SFC
	makes a \$2m appropriation to NMSU for water policy analysis and research on brackish, produced and reused water sources.		
SM 6	Federal Land Management & Revenue impacts	Woods	SRC/SCONC
	requests DFA to convene a stakeholder meeting to make recs on federal land ownership; conduct an inventory of fed land ownership; evaluate state and county dependence on federal revenue streams		
General Business Bills			
Bill Number	Name	Sponsor	Committee status
HB 16	Surtax on Certain Corporations	McCamley	HRPAC/HWMC
	Requires corporations to place an additional 1% tax on the corporate income if the salaries of CEO is more than 100 times greater than the least paid employee		
HB 20	Raise Minimum wage	Varela	HRPAC/HBEC

	Increases minimum wage to \$10.10 per hour with increases to consumer price index for western region wage earners		
HB 49	County Notices by Email	Wooley	HGEIC/HWMC
	A county may send property notices by email if a citizen files a request to receive it by email		
HB 75	Employee Preference Act	Roch	HBEC/HJC
	Right to work bill		
HB 92	Severance Bonds for Transportation Projects	Larranaga	HTPWC/HWMC
	Allows bonding for projects within a statewide transportation improvement plan that are critical to local economic development or the development of mineral resources.		
SB 57	Unitary Corporation Combined Tax reporting	Wirth	SCORC/ SFC
	requires companies who operate in multiple jurisdictions to pay taxes to the state greater than if state allowed use of weighted formula; those companies would also have to pay foreign dividends.		
SB 84	Local Government Ordinance Appeals	Candelaria	SPAC/SJC
	A municipality may appeal from any District Court decision regarding an ordinance to Court of appeals instead of the Supreme Court		
SB 92	Employee preference Act	Rue	SPAC/ SJC
	Right to work		
SB 113	Tax bonds for state dept of trans projects	Griggs	SCORC/ SFC
	establishes priorities for State dept of transportation to build projects based on fatalities in each commission district.		
SB 194	Requirements for proposing and changing rules	Ivey-Soto	SRC/SJC
	outlines requirements for adoptions of rules; establishes validity of rule upon publications in NM register (as opposed to upon filing with records center); requires adoption within 2 years of proposal; enacts new sections to the State Rules Act to establish rule drafting committees; notice of rulemaking; public participation, comments and rule hearing processes and recording of rulemaking proceedings;		

House					
		name	Chair	vice chair	meetings
	HAWC	Ag, Water & Wildlife	Ezzell	Nunez	MWF 8:30am
	HAFC	Appropriations	Larranaga	Bandy	M-F 1:30pm
	HBEC	Business & Employment	Powdrell	James	TTh 8:30am
	HEC	Education	Espinoza	Youngblood	M-F 8:30am
	HEENR	Energy, Environment & Natural Resources	Strickler	Gallegos	MWF 8:30am
	HGEIC	Government, Elections & Indian Affairs	Smith	Clahchischiliage	MWF 8:30am
	HHC	Health	McMillan	Fajardo	TTh 8:30am
	HJC	Judiciary	Cook	Pacheco	M-F 1:30pm
	HRPAC	Regulatory & Public Affairs	Herrell	Wooley	MWF 1:30pm
	HSCAC	Safety & Civil Affairs	Rehm	Little	TTh 1:30pm
	HTPWC	Transportation & Public works	Brown	Hamilton	TTh 8:30am

	HWMC	Ways & Means	Harper	Lewis	M-F 1:30pm
Senate					
	SCONC	Conservation	Wirth	Shendo	TTh 2pm
	SCORC	Corporations	Griego	Sanchez, C.	MWF 2pm
	SEC	Education	Sapien	Soules	MWF 8am
	SFC	Finance	Smith	Cisneros	M-Sat 1:30pm
	SIAC	Indian & Cultural Affairs	Pinto	McSorley	TTh 8am
	SJC	Judiciary	Martinez	Cervantes	MWF 2:30pm
	SPAC	Public Affairs	Ortiz y Pino	O-Neill	TThF 2:30pm

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