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Legislative Previews Set

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Two legislative previews are scheduled in the next month, starting with the Second Annual Tax Research Institute Legislative Outlook luncheon Wednesday at the Hotel Albuquerque in Old Town.

The event runs from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Legislative leaders who have agreed to appear include Senator Diane Snyder, Senator Tim Jennings, Representative Tom Taylor, Representative Ed Sandoval, and Speaker of the House Ben Lujan.

David Abbey, director of the Legislative Finance Committee will provide a budgetary/revenue outlook to frame the discussion, the group said in a news release.

Beverlee McClure of the Association of Commerce and Industry, Jim Nunns of the N.M. Taxation and Revenue Department, and Gerry Bradley of New Mexico Voices for Children will discuss their interests and expectations for the coming legislative session.

James Jimenez, chief of staff for Governor Bill Richardson, is expected to provide the keynote address over lunch, providing the administration's perspective.

Cost is \$25 for institute members and \$40 for others. For more information, visit www.nmtri.org.

Then on Jan. 8 and 9, there will be another "Roundhouse Preview" forum, organized by the N.M. Society of Association Executives. That event will be from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. both days, also at the Hotel Albuquerque in Old Town.

Attorney General Gary King will speak at lunch on the ethics commission and campaign finance reform and Lt. Gov. Diane Denish will discuss health care in the afternoon.

The morning program will begin with a presentation by Paula Tackett, director of the Legislative Council Service, about the mission, protocol and services of the LCS.

Other speakers include Norton Francis, Legislative Finance Committee economist, who will discuss the state's budget; House Transportation Committee Chairman Rep. Dan Silva, on highway, railroad and spaceport infrastructure; and state Sen. Cynthia Nava of the Senate Education Committee on the proposed new public school funding formula.

Panel discussions will feature other legislators from both houses of the New Mexico State Legislature from both political parties.

The public is invited.

Early registration before Dec. 21 is worth a \$10 discount per registrant. Register online at www.nmsae.org.

After Dec. 21, registration for society members is \$45 for the first person and \$40 per each additional registrant from the same group.

For nonmembers, the fee is \$55 for the first and \$50 for each additional registrant from the same organization. Individuals may join at the event and register at member rates.

The New Mexico Society of Association Executives is composed of chief executives and government relations officers.