

2022 LEGISLATIVE POST-SESSION REVIEW

OUR POLICY PRIORITIES

- Create a new state-level Child Tax Credit
- Increase food security supports to address child hunger
- Fully fund early childhood care and education (ECCE) services, including child care assistance, and increase wages and support career ladders for ECCE workers
- Increase investments made to the Housing Trust Fund and make them recurring
- Enact stronger rules and regulations for capturing methane
- Increase funding for the Opportunity Scholarship
- Diversify and stabilize the general fund by raising revenue from new sources and not enacting tax cuts that do not directly support equity or adequacy in the tax code

COALITION POLICY PRIORITIES

- Get economic relief to families still in need of pandemic aid
- End predatory lending by capping all interest rates at 36%
- Fully fund and implement The Hispanic, Indian, Black, and Bilingual Multicultural Education Acts
- Increase school employee salaries significantly
- Expand funding for community schools and school-based health centers
- Fully fund Medicaid
- Extend postpartum Medicaid coverage for new moms to 12 months
- End the Medicaid Waivers waiting list for those with disabilities
- Enact health care easy enrollment through the state income tax system
- Make prescription drugs more affordable
- Improve language access for public programs
- Reduce criminal justice fines and fees and end driver's license suspensions
- Protect voting rights and ease of access to voting

WHAT PASSED



Family Economic Security

- A new state-level Child Tax Credit, which will return **\$74 million** to families and benefit every child in the state, was created (HB 163)
- A rate cap of 36% was placed on all lending products, protecting families from predatory lenders who skim hundreds of millions off of our lowest-income communities and POC (HB 132)
- **\$24 million** was appropriated for the Food, Farm & Hunger Initiative (HB 2)
- **\$10 million** in assistance was appropriated for families not eligible for federal pandemic relief (HB 2)
- Access to state services was improved for those who speak languages other than English (HB 22)
- Funding was appropriated and made recurring for the Housing Trust Fund (SB 134)
- One-time tax rebates will provide **\$338 million** in economic relief for low- and middle-income residents (HB 163)



Health and the Environment

- **\$14.4 million** was appropriated to increase Medicaid coverage for new moms from 2 months to 12 months postpartum (HB 2)
- **\$17.9 million** was appropriated for the Medicaid Waiver program to end the waiting list for those with disabilities in less than 3 years (HB 2)
- New Mexicans without health insurance will have easier access to the exchange or enrollment in Medicaid (HB 95)
- The Community Energy Efficiency Development (CEED) Block Grant Act was passed (HB 37)
- Study Paid Family Medical Leave (SM 1)





Education

- Teachers received a **7%** raise in pay with each Level tier increased by **\$10,000** (SB 1)
- A **\$15/hour** minimum wage was enacted for all school employees (HB 2)
- **\$35 million** was appropriated for Tribal Remedy Framework recommendations in response to the *Yazzie/Martinez* lawsuit (HB 2), including the funding for pay parity to be set at Level 1 rates for teachers meeting Native American language and culture proficiency criteria, which are set by the tribes and pueblos (HB 60).
- Funding for the Early Childhood Education and Care Department and its programs was increased by **\$15.3 million**, and the ECCE Trust Fund was preserved (HB 2)
- A non-reverting fund was created for the Opportunity Scholarship (SB 140)



WHAT DID NOT PASS

- Clean Fuel Standards (SB 14)
- Clean Future Act (HB 6)
- Expanded budgets for state environmental regulatory agencies, with funding falling about **\$5 million** short of the need (HB 2)
- Reduction of criminal fines and fees and ending driver's license suspensions (HB 81)
- Diversification and stabilization of general fund revenue. The state's revenue streams were actually made less diverse and more unstable by the passage of several non-targeted tax cuts that will not help those who need help the most
- NM Voting Rights Act (SB 8)

