2024 LEGISLATIVE POST-SESSION REVIEW





OUR POLICY PRIORITIES

Family Economic Security

- Improve wages and economic supports for low-income families
- Enact a paid family and medical leave program
- Address child hunger and strengthen food security

Cradle-to-Career Education

- Increase funding for early childhood care and education services and implement a wage and career ladder for early childhood providers
- Protect the Early Childhood Trust Fund from being used for programs that do not serve young children
- Increase targeted K-12 funding to support students named in the Yazzie/Martinez lawsuit
- Create a Tribal Education Trust Fund
- Fully fund the Opportunity Scholarship

Healthy and Safe Communities

- Enact new measures to reduce child gun deaths and improve gun safety
- Create a Public Health and Climate Resiliency program and fund
- Leverage federal funding opportunities for reducing greenhouse gas emissions and protecting our climate through matched state funds

Tax Fairness and Budget Adequacy

- Increase the Child Tax Credit for young children and increase other targeted tax credits and rebates for families earning low and moderate incomes
- Diversify and stabilize revenue and make our tax code more equitable by raising income taxes for those at the very top and for corporations, and limiting the capital gains deduction

COALITION POLICY PRIORITIES

Family Economic Security

- Increase TANF cash benefits
- Provide assistance for families in transition from fossil fuels jobs
- Address housing stability and affordability

Cradle-to-Career Education

- Fully fund child care assistance to maintain \$0 co-pays for parents and pay increases for teachers
- More state accountability in responding to the Yazzie/ Martinez lawsuit
- Ensure smaller class sizes
- Strengthen the educator pipeline and improve teacher training programs
- Increase investments in workforce development and training and ensure these opportunities are available and accessible to all New Mexicans

Healthy and Safe Communities

- Ensure full funding of Medicaid and the Developmental Disabilities Waiver
- Improve access to affordable health care coverage through the Medicaid Forward plan
- Fully fund New Mexico Health Councils
- Reform and modernize the Oil and Gas Act

Human Rights and Civic Participation

- Pass the Dignity Not Detention Act to cancel for-profit prison contracts with ICE
- Modernize the Legislature



WHAT PASSED



Family Economic Security

- \$1 million in cash stipends passed for TANF families attending certain technical programs (HB 303)
- Housing Fund & Changes enacted (HB 195)
- NM Finance Authority Act amended (SB 216)
- Universal Healthy School Meals fully funded (HB 2)
- SNAP eligibility increased up to 200% of the Federal Poverty Level and benefits expanded for seniors and those with disabilities (HB 2)



Cradle-to-Career Education

- Funding increased for early childhood care and education, K-12, and higher education (HB 2), including:
 - \$5 million for an early child care provider wage and career ladder
 - K-12 educator clinical practice and stipends for hard-to-staff special education teachers
 - K-12 educators and school staff salaries increased by 3%, with funds to ensure all staff make at least \$15 an hour
 - New tuition scholarships created for workforce training programs that are non-credit bearing and not eligible for other financial aid
 - Opportunity Scholarship fully funded
- Early Childhood Trust Fund protected and expanded (SB 153)
- Memorial passed to study class size reductions (HM 20)
- Higher Education Trust Fund established to support future funding of Opportunity and Lottery Scholarships (SB 159)
- Affirmative consent policies passed for postsecondary institutions (HB 151)
- Lottery Scholarship made flexible to cover summer semesters (SB 239)







Healthy and Safe Communities

- Funding increased for Medicaid (HB 2)
- New Health Care Authority codified (SB 14)
- Health Care Affordability Fund stabilized (HB 7)
- Prescription Drug Price Transparency Act passed (HB 33)
- New rural hospital fund enacted to provide solvency (SB 161)
- County and Tribal Health Councils funded by \$3 million (HB 2)
- Gun safety improved:
 - 7-day waiting period for purchasing firearms enacted (HB 129)
 - Firearms banned at or near polling places (SB 5)
- NM Match Fund created to leverage federal funding for reducing greenhouse gas emissions (HB 177)
- Tax credits enacted for EVs, charging units, solar panels, etc. (HB 252)
- Clean Transportation Fuel Standards passed (HB 41)



Tax Fairness and Budget Advocacy

- Revenue made more equitable, diverse, and stable (HB 252):
 - Personal income tax rates lowered for those earning low and moderate incomes
 - Corporate income taxes increased
 - Capital gains deduction greatly reduced

WHAT DIDN'T PASS OR WAS VETOED

Family economic security

- Paid Family Medical Leave Act (SB 3; passed the Senate but failed on the House floor, 34-36)
- Kinship Care SNAP Pilot Program to support grandparents raising grandchildren (HB 2)
- Increased funding for housing stability (SB 31, SB 7)
- Removing the prohibition of rent control (SB 186)
- Creating State Housing Agency (SB 71)

Cradle-to-career education

- Creating a Tribal Education Trust Fund (HB 134)
- More targeted funding to support students named in the Yazzie/Martinez lawsuit (HB 2, HB 39)
- Student Loan Bill of Rights (HB 71)

Healthy and safe communities

- Creating Statewide Public Health and Climate Program (HB 104)
- Reforming and modernizing the Oil and Gas Act (HB 133)

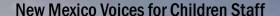
Tax fairness and budget adequacy

- Increasing the Child Tax Credit for young children (HB 268)
- Increasing taxes on alcohol and tobacco

Human rights and civic participation

 Dignity Not Detention Act to cancel for-profit prison contracts with ICE (SB 145)





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