

The background of the slide is a photograph of the New Mexico State Capitol building. The building is a large, light-colored structure with a curved facade and a central entrance featuring a portico with columns. A large circular seal of the State of New Mexico is mounted on the wall above the entrance. In the foreground, there is a bronze statue of two people shaking hands. The sky is blue with some white clouds.

# NM Legislative Session Update

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Attachment B

# Overview of Session for LAC

- Over 1,000 bills filed
- March 22 – Final Day
- Capital Outlay
- What happens next?



Attachment B

LOS ALAMOS

# LAC State Priorities Bills that Passed

- HB175 (Vincent) - Amends the Forest and Watershed Restoration Act
- HB191 (Small) - EMNRD administers 2 funds-suppression of wildfires and preparing for/preventing wildfires
- SB33 (Stefanics) – Wildfire prepared fund (standards for insurance)
- SJM1 (Padilla) – EMNRD and EDD joint study to expedite forest restoration and opportunities for a wood products economy
- SB252 (Figueroa) – NM Telehealth Act
- SB120 (Hickey) – Eliminate cost sharing on behavioral health

# LAC State Priorities Bills that Passed

- HB93 (Ortez) – Advanced grid technologies in IRPs
- HB128 (Szczepanski) – Local Solar Access Fund (NMFA)
- HB212 (Ferrary) - prohibits the sale or distribution in NM of a product if it contains intentionally added PFAs
- SB83 (Stewart) – Fund for State Agencies' Master plans/capacity for sustainability
- SB48 (Stewart) – Community Benefit Fund for Climate Change
- SB201 (Gonzales) – Evaluation of public education reforms.

# Other Bills of Interest that Passed

- **County Authority/Operations related**
  - SB115: Public Projects Fund (including Los Alamos projects)
  - HB47 (De La Cruz) – Veterans' Property Tax bill
  - SB73 (Sedillo Lopez) – Bicycle Stops
  - HB101 (Reeb) – Allows an officer of the law to have a gun at election sites
  - HB494 (Martinez) – Veteran and veteran's spouse tax exemption
  - HB218 (Lente) – Minor and Technical changes to the tax code
  - SB199 (Jaramillo) – Increases the amount for the DWI grants to counties and municipalities
- **Housing related**
  - HB2 (Lente) – Budget Bill includes \$200 million for low-income housing at MFA, most allocated for specific communities.
- **Infrastructure or Broadband related**
  - SB126 (Padilla) – Addl. \$5M annual distribution to broadband fund
  - SB357 (Hamblen) – Essential Services Public support – allows counties to support projects for essential services (with requirements before support)
- **Business related**
  - SB159 (Jaramillo) – Independent theater alcohol dispensing license

# Bills of Interest that failed

- Paid Family and Medical Leave Act
- IPRA reform
- Anti-donation clause Constitutional Amendment
- Medical (left on the Senate floor) and Psychological Compacts
- FAIR Act Changes – State Property Insurance

# Capital Outlay

- Three items: EOC and 2 Housing Infrastructure
- EOC: \$750,000
- Housing Infrastructure: \$200,000
- DFA Local Government Division
- More important moving forward

# What happens next?

- April 10 - final date to sign bills
- Capital Outlay: the contracts from the agencies
- Capital Outlay: Our process begins again in May
- Discussions on policy issues important to the County starting in May
- The tentative interim session calendar for legislative committees drafted in May
- NM Counties Annual Conference is in June
- NMML Annual Conference is in September



# Intergovernmental and Regional Update

# Federal

- Follow up action items with the Congressional delegation and committees
- FEMA application JMFPP
- Congressionally Directed Spending

# Regional

- Pueblo de San Ildefonso
- Regional Strategic Partnership
- Housing
- Landfill MOU