



# LEGISLATIVE BULLETIN

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It is day 21 of the 60-day Legislative Session (that is 39 days until the session concludes, in case you are keeping track!). So far, **627** pieces of legislation have been introduced, **287** in the House of Representatives and **340** in the Senate. Legislators have **10** more days to get their bills drafted and filed with Legislative Council Service before the February 16th Deadline for Introduction.

**House Bill 1** is the lone bill that has passed both chambers and signed by the Governor, enacting it as law. HB 1 is largely an appropriation bill that funds the Legislative Branch of New Mexico State Government.

This session, HB 1 drew some controversy which led to debate in the chambers regarding the addition of language and dollars (\$2,500,000) for a feasibility study that would advise the legislature on logistics and resources needed for district staff offices and operations for the legislature.



## #NMREALTORParty

The NMAR Legislative Committee meets weekly to discuss legislation that directly and/or indirectly affects the industry and its members. As of February 6, 2023, the committee and staff are **MONITORING 40+ pieces of legislation.**

**NMAR SUPPORTS HJR 5 and HJR 6 (Alcon)** *which would extend property tax exemption to all disabled veterans and increase property tax exemption to honorably discharged veterans, respectively.*

**NMAR SUPPORTS SB 133 (Stewart)** *which would forbid a secondhand metal dealer of receiving/ purchasing restricted metal items, including catalytic converters.*

**NMAR SUPPORTS SB 139, 140, and 141 (Rodriguez)** *which would appropriate funding to address homeless health care, housing, and the New Mexico Housing Trust Fund.*

**NMAR SUPPORTS SB 281 (Pirtle)** *which would provide for independent inspectors and establish time frames for inspections.*

**NMAR SUPPORTS SB 286 (Ivey-Soto)** *which would prohibit the submission of a deed or other writing to the Office of the County Clerk that has attached a discriminatory restrictive covenant or gender specific language, and voids unlawful discriminatory restrictive covenants.*

**NMAR OPPOSES HB 241 (Cates)** as written, **HJR 4 (Ferrary), SB 77 (Soules)**

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## LEGISLATION THAT NMAR IS MONITORING

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### House Bills

- **HB 25** - Minimum Wage Increase & Indexing (*Chandler*)
- **HB 26** - Notice for Abandoned Properties List (*Chandler*)
- **HB 28** - State Minimum Wage Cost of Living Increase (*Garcia*)
- **HB 45** - Natural Heritage Conservation Act Amendments (*McQueen*)
- **HB 115** - Psychometrically Sound Home Inspector Exam (*Cates*)
- **HB 165** - Uniform Unclaimed Property Act (*Nibert*)
- **HB 179** - Filing of Liens with Property Owner (*Chavez*)
- **HB 185** - Environmental Standards for Appliances & Fixtures (*Ortez*)
- **HB 186** - Disabled Veteran Property Tax Proof (*Martinez*)
- **HB 207** - Expand Human Rights Act Scope (*Romero, A.*)
- **HB 228** - Improvement Special Assessment Act (*Serrato*)
- **HB 241** - Multifamily Housing Construction Permit Conditions (*Cates*)
- **HB 250** - Corrections to Property Records for Minor Errors or Omissions (*Nibert*)
- **HB 255** - Employee Leasing Contractor Benefit Plans (*Serrato*)
- **HB 273** - Uniform Cohabitants Economic Remedies Act (*Little*)

### House Joint Resolutions

- **HJR 4** - Environmental Rights Act, CA (*Ferrary*)
- **HJR 5** - Extend Veteran Property Tax Exemption, CA (*Alcon*)
- **HJR 6** - Increase Veteran Property Tax Exemption, CA (*Alcon*)
- **HJR 10** - Veteran Property Tax Exemption, CA (*Borrego*)
- **HJR 11** - Firefighter property Tax Exemption, CA (*Borrego*)

### Senate Bills

- **SB 11** - Paid Family and Medical Leave Act (*Stewart*)
- **SB 38** - General Revision of Taxes (*Sharer*)
- **SB 46** - Wrongful Foreclosure Protection Act (*Duhigg*)
- **SB 66** - GRT Distribution to Certain Entities (*Woods*)
- **SB 77** - New Home Build Renewable Requirements (*Soules*)
- **SB 97** - Easements for Broadband Internet Infrastructure (*Padilla*)
- **SB 99** - Rent Control Prohibitions (*Lopez*)
- **SB 133** - Catalytic Converter Sales Records (*Stewart*)
- **SB 139** - Services for Homeless People (*Rodriguez*)
- **SB 140** - NM Housing Trust Fund (*Rodriguez*)
- **SB 141** - Santa Fe Homeless Shelter & Programming (*Rodriguez*)
- **SB 162** - Behavioral Health Transitional Housing (*Hamblen*)
- **SB 222** - Retention of Water Rights Original Documents (*Pirtle*)
- **SB 246** - Uniform Law on Notarial Acts (*Ivey-Soto*)
- **SB 247** - Uniform Licensing Act Changes (*Ivey-Soto*)
- **SB 281** - Independent Inspectors for Construction (*Pirtle*)
- **SB 286** - Bar Against Discriminatory Restrictive Covenants (*Ivey-Soto*)
- **SB 298** - Mobile Home Park Act Changes (*Correa Hemphill*)

### Senate Joint Resolutions

- **SJR 6** - Environmental Rights, CA (*Sedillo Lopez*)

- **SJR 8** - Foreign Nation-Owned Property Taxes, CA (*Pirtle*)
- **SJR 9** - Anti-Donation Clause, CA (*Ortiz y Pino*)

Learn more about legislation by searching for the bill [HERE](#).



## NM REALTOR® PARTY

The REALTOR® Party is a powerful alliance of REALTORS® and REALTOR® Associations working to advance public policies and candidates that build strong communities, protect property interest, and promote a vibrant business environment.



The 2023 Legislative Priorities are set by the NMAR Legislative Committee, chaired by Coleen Dearing, and guided by the Quality-of-Life Statements.

### PROTECTING PRIVATE PROPERTY RIGHTS

- REALTORS® believe that **PRIVATE PROPERTY RIGHTS** are the fundamental tenant upon which our nation was founded and are guaranteed by both the New Mexico State Constitution and the United States Constitution. REALTORS® strongly support the right of each individual to **OWN, USE, & TRANSFER REAL PROPERTY**.

### GROWING HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES - THE AMERICAN DREAM

- REALTORS® believe that **HOMEOWNERSHIP** is indeed **THE AMERICAN DREAM** and that it fosters responsibility and stability in communities, grows positive civic values, and increases individuals' financial security. REALTORS® support efforts to afford all residents of the State of New Mexico the opportunity to **LIVE in SAFE, AFFORDABLE, & SANITARY HOUSING**.

### PRESERVING THE LAND OF ENCHANTMENT

- REALTORS® recognize the superb landscape and natural amenities in which New Mexicans are privileged to live and are firmly committed to protecting that **QUALITY OF LIFE**. REALTORS® urge continued action

in the protection of the quality of our **AIR, WATER, & LAND.**

## **SUPPORTING A VITAL AND VIBRANT ECONOMY**

- REALTORS® believe that vigorous and **FAIR COMPETITION** is essential to the maintenance of the free enterprise system, and the best way of encouraging **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**. REALTORS® support legislation that promotes a **HEALTHY BUSINESS CLIMATE** which encourages business to locate and thrive in the state.

## **SUPPORTING QUALITY NEIGHBORHOODS & COMMUNITIES**

- REALTORS® strongly believe that communities flourish when they offer a high **QUALITY OF LIFE** at a reasonable cost and when they are located in proximity to areas where people work, play, and shop. REALTORS® recognize the imperative of long-term planning in accommodating future growth in **RESIDENTIAL, COMMERCIAL, & INDUSTRIAL AREAS.**

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