



# LEGISLATIVE BULLETIN

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## NOTICE TO MEMBERS

### APPLY TODAY: Join the Legislative Committee!

NMAR is accepting applications to serve as a member of the Legislative Committee.

- Legislative Committee Members work to determine the Quality of Life Statements which guide the committee and NMAR Staff in developing the Legislative Priorities;
- The committee also uses the statements and priorities to take a position on legislation introduced by the New Mexico State Legislature.

Members interested in serving should apply below.

[Applications due on or before March 17, 2023.](#)

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## THE 56TH LEGISLATURE

Session Day: **54**

Session Days Remaining: **5.5**

Total Bills Introduced: **1,089**

Total Bills Passed One Chamber: **325**

Total Bills Passed Both Chambers: **30**

We are in the final stretch of the 56th Legislature, the session concludes on Saturday, March 18, 2023 at noon.

Although the end of the session is near, there is much work to be done. Late nights extending into the morning hours with plenty of debate on legislation are in store for both the House and Senate.

This past weekend, the Senate approved the proposed budget of \$9.75 billion, which will be sent back to the House for concurrence before being sent to the governor. The House also approved an omnibus tax plan which would provide rebate checks to the citizens of New Mexico, the legislation now heads to the Senate for consideration.

Below is an update on the legislation that we **SUPPORT** & **OPPOSE**.

**HB6**, **SB133**, & **SB286** await a House Floor hearing.

**HJR5** & **HJR6**, are scheduled to be heard by the Senate Tax, Business & Transportation Committee on Tuesday, March 14th, after the Floor Session.

**SB139**, **140**, **141**, & **495**, are to be included in the State Budget (HB2).

**SB333**, **411**, & **449** await a Senate Judiciary Committee hearing.

**SB381**, passed both chambers and was sent to the governor for consideration.

**HB241**, **SB99**, **SB298**, **SB375**, & **SJR6**, are **TABLED** and considered “dead” legislation.

**HB241**, **HB425**, **HB497**, **HJR4**, **SB281**, & **SJR8** have **STALLED** in committee awaiting a hearing.



# WHAT IS HAPPENING AT THE ROUNDHOUSE?

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## NMAR POSITION ON LEGISLATION

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### BILLS THAT NMAR SUPPORTS

- HB 497 - Blighted Home and Residential Building Improvement (*Anyanonu*)
- HJR 5 - Extend Veteran Property Tax Exemption, CA (*Alcon*)
- HJR 6 - Increase Veteran Property Tax Exemption, CA (*Alcon*)
- 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 281 - Independent Inspectors for Construction (*Pirtle*)
- SB 286 - Bar Against Discriminatory Restrictive Covenants (*Ivey-Soto*)
- SB 381 - Advances Allocation for Housing Trust Fund to 2023 (*Rodriguez*)
- SB 495 - Affordable Housing Act Oversight (*Gonzales*)

### BILLS THAT NMAR OPPOSES

- HB6 - Housing and Rent Changes (*Rubio*)
- HB 241 - Multifamily Housing Construction Permit Conditions (*Cates*)
- HJR 4 - Environmental Rights Act, CA (*Ferrary*)
- SB 99 - Rent Control Prohibitions (*Lopez*)
- SB 298 - Mobile Home Park Act Changes (*Correa Hemphill*)
- SB 333 - Multigenerational Housing and Zoning (*Maestas*)
- SB 375 - Rent Control and Safe Cooling Systems (*McKenna*)
- SB 411 - Uniform Owner-Resident Relations Act Updates (*Jaramillo*)
- SB 449 - Real Estate Contract Act (*Ortiz y Pino*)
- SJR 6 - Environmental Rights, CA (*Sedillo Lopez*)
- SJR 8 - Foreign Nation-Owned Property Taxes, CA (*Pirtle*)

### BILLS THAT NMAR IS MONITORING

- 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 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*)
- HB 346 - 10 Year Water Rights Forfeiture Period(*McQueen*)
- HB 358 - Dona Ana County Transitional Housing Funds(*Lujan*)
- HB 414 - Housing Department Act (*Chasey*)
- HB 425 - Additional Housing Dwelling Units(*Borrego*)
- HB 482 - HOA Governing Documents (*Harper*)
- HB 512 - Public Property Sales and Counties(*Lara*)
- HJR 4 - Environmental Rights Act, CA (*Ferrary*)
- HJR 10 - Veteran Property Tax Exemption, CA(*Borrego*)
- HJR 11 - Firefighter Property Tax Exemption, CA(*Borrego*)
- 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 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 300 - Disabled Veteran Property Tax Exemption(*Pope*)
- SB 303 - Tax Increment Development District Changes (*Padilla*)
- SB 314 - Water Project Fund Projects (*Cervantes*)
- SB 321 - HOA Board Elections (*Pope*)
- SB 337 - Water Security Plan Act(*Stefanics*)
- SB 338 - Transfer of Property Affidavits (*Neville*)
- SB 380 - Increase Penalties for Water Law Violations(*Sedillo Lopez*)
- SB 391 - Water Trust Board: Public Member Appointment Authority Changed (*Cervantes*)
- SB 393 - Agricultural Use Land Tax Evaluation (*Gonzales*)
- SB 394 - Special Method of Valuation: Conserved Unimproved Land (*Gonzales*)
- SB 398 - Allowing Housing Commissioners Multiple City Jobs (*Rodriguez*)
- SB 405 - Food Accessibility Act(*Pirtle*)
- SJR 9 - Anti-Donation Clause, CA (*Ortiz y Pino*)

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

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communities, protect property interest, and promote a vibrant business environment.



## 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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