

# Lobo State Legislation Interim (2019) and 2<sup>nd</sup> Session of the 54<sup>th</sup> Legislature (2020)



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# Legislative Sessions

- Interim Session

- Interim Committees meet during this time
- Members are appointed to committees in May of the 1<sup>st</sup> session of each Legislature
- Interim Committee hearings begin in June and run through December
- Broad topics are addressed, not just upcoming legislation
- More in-depth discussion is allowed
- Work out legislative kinks in impending legislation

- Regular Session

- Bills are introduced
- Budget is crafted
- Hearings on proposed legislation

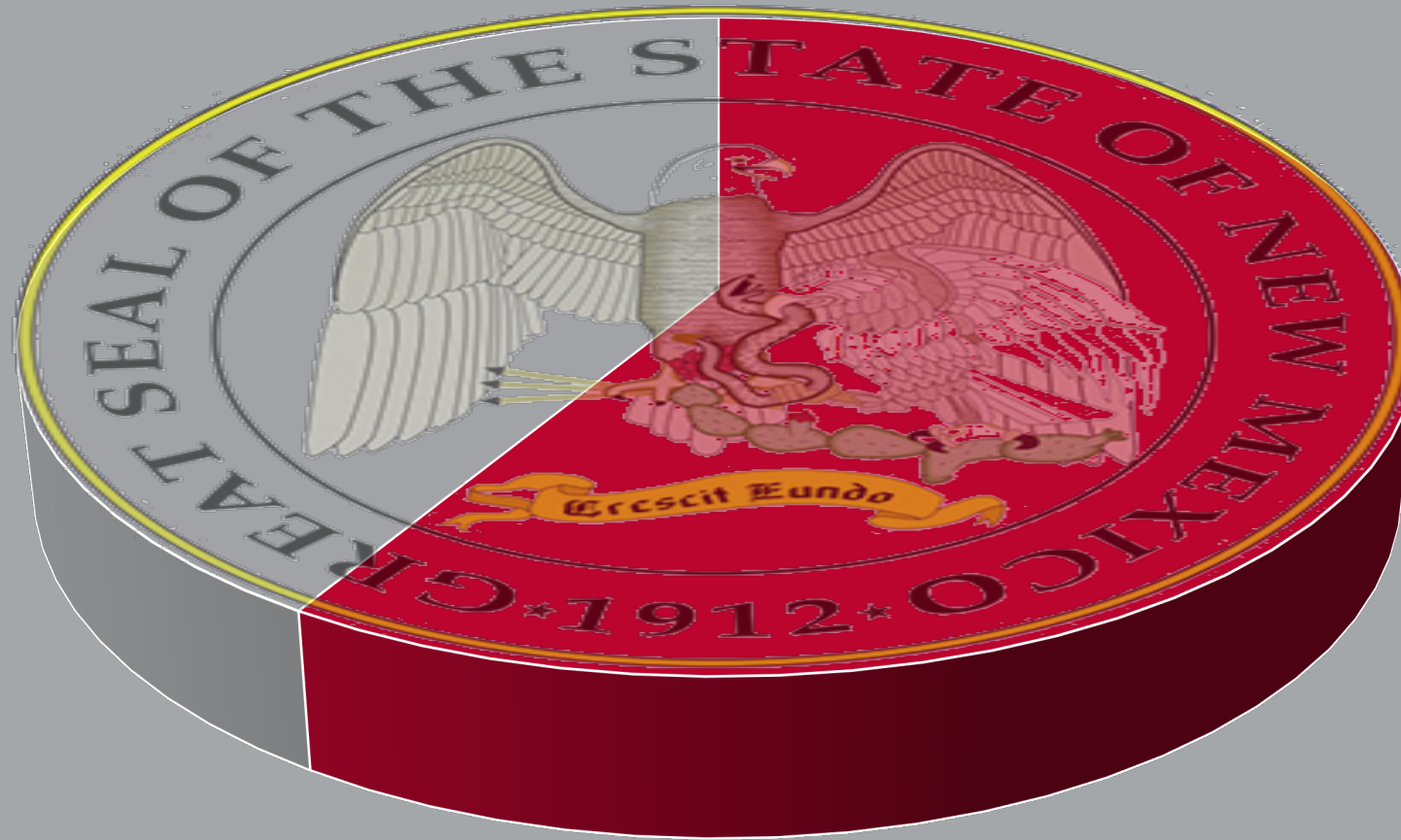
# Government Relations Across all of UNM

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**Interim (2019) of the 54<sup>th</sup> Legislature  
Summary of Activities**

# Interim (2019) Meetings With State Legislators and Senior UNM Staff



■ Representatives 23

□ Senators 16

# Interim (2019) Activities

**44**

**Interim (2019)  
Committees Attended by  
UNM Government  
Relations Staff**

- 23 Committees  
Hosted on UNM  
Campuses

**53**

**Total Interim (2019)  
Presentations by UNM  
Faculty, Staff, and  
Students**

- 59 UNM representatives  
participating in the  
legislative process

# **The Second Session of the 54<sup>th</sup> Legislature (2020)**

Priorities

# Office of Government Relations

- Main Campus, HSC, Branch Campuses
- Deans, Department Chairs
- Chancellors
- UNM Leadership
- President Stokes



# 2020 Legislative Session

## Budget

### Funding Formula

8% new money coordinated request with Council of University Presidents

### Medical School I&G

Parity increase with all higher education institutions

### Compensation Formula Reform

Revise compensation calculation to include faculty and staff paid with tuition and fees

### Compensation

5% compensation with new compensation calculation

### Free Medical School Tuition

\$6,000,000 to provide free Medical School tuition for students who chose to stay in NM

# 2020 Legislative Session

## GO Bond

Nursing and Population Health		\$30 Million
Center for Collaborative Art & Technology		\$35 Million
College of Fine Arts Renewal and Replacement		\$10 Million
Gallup-	Center for Career Technologies Education	\$6 Million
Los Alamos-	Workforce Development/CTE Classroom Reno	\$2.5 Million
	Building 7 Renovations and Safety Improvements	\$1.5 Million
Taos –	Career Technology Addition	\$4.8 Million
Valencia-	Fire Safety Improvements	\$1.8 Million

## Capital Outlay

Cancer Center Radiology Lab	\$22 Million
Campus Infrastructure	\$13.5 Million

# 2020 Legislative Session

## RPSPs

Network of Educators	\$426,619
NM PBS	\$1,113,800
-Expansion request of \$100,000	
Substance Use Disorder Grand Challenge	\$250,000
Native American Studies	\$250,000
Project NM Graduates of Color	\$185,850
Utton Center	\$650,000
-Expansion request of \$278,100	
Shelter and Dignity	\$371,212
Athletics	\$4,293,000
-Expansion request of \$500,000	
UNM-LA Workforce Development	\$92,150

# 2020 Legislative Session

## RPSPs

Cancer Center \$4,242,900

\$4,242,900 to replace funding lost from the Federal 340B Program

Project ECHO \$3,000,000

Will create three new ECHOs that support child wellbeing, behavioral health and substance use disorders, and workforce development

Child Well-Being: ADOBE Program \$997,054

Healthy Aging: \$2,311,554

Comprehensive Movement Disorder Center, \$1,300,000

Behavioral Health and Substance Use Disorder: \$1,750,000

Children's Psychiatric Center

Health Care Workforce Development \$1,081,122

Direct Entry BSN \$428,271

Physician Assistant Program \$453,180

# Research Public Service Projects

Received \$38.8 Million in RPSP Funding for FY2020



Seeking \$63 Million in RPSP funding for projects in FY2021

Worked with Main Campus, Health Sciences Center, and Branch Campuses to submit

- 36 projects for RPSP continuation of funding
- 13 new programs for RPSP funding

Arranged over 20 in person presentations between UNM Staff and State Agency Staff to promote a clear RPSP funding picture and create a cooperative atmosphere

# UNM Process for Interacting with Legislators

Policies

Freedom of Speech

What is best for UNM

Working with the Office of Government  
Relations

Stick with the Pack! Each of Us  
Defines All of Us

