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TENTATIVE AGENDA
Legislative Finance Committee
Red River, New Mexico
July 21-23, 2026

Tuesday, July 21

Meeting Location
Red River Convention Center
101 W River St,
Red River, NM 87558

- 8:30 -- Welcoming Remarks --Linda Calhoun, Mayor, Town of Red River; Curtis Sandoval Sr. War Chief, Taos Pueblo
- 9:30 -- Impact of Increased Educational Attainment-Metrics to Monitor for Income Growth -- LFC Staff
- 10:30 -- Higher Education Funding Formula -- Connor Jorgensen, Fiscal Analyst, Legislative Finance Committee; Lily Earnest, Intern, Legislative Finance Committee
- 11:30 -- Government Results and Opportunity Pilot Projects -- Sarah Dinces, Program Evaluator, Legislative Finance Committee; Dr. Andrew Miner, Department of Finance and Administration
- Refresher on GRO Process
 - 2025 GRO Plans
 - Primer on 2024 GRO Process and Agency Presentations
- 12:00 -- Lunch
- 1:00 -- Higher Education Department 2024: Government Results and Opportunity Pilot Projects -- Anna Grief, Vice President for Workforce Development, San Juan College; James Johnston, President, Eastern New Mexico University
- Workforce Training (\$60 million)
- 2:00 -- Workforce Solutions Department: 2024 Government Results and Opportunity Pilot Projects -- Sarita Nair, Secretary, Department of Workforce Solutions; Ana Grief, Vice President for Workforce and Economic Development, San Juan College; James Johnston, President, Eastern New Mexico University
- Trades Career Exploration (\$6 million)
 - Youth Pre-Apprenticeship (\$1.8 million)
- 3:00 -- Overview on Housing Strategies in New Mexico -- Natalie Florence, Housing Policy Officer, Thornburg Foundation; Alex Horowitz, Pew Charitable Trusts
- 4:00 -- Update on Property Insurance in New Mexico -- Alice Kane, Superintendent of Insurance, Office of Superintendent of Insurance; Melissa Robertson, Bureau Chief of Property and Casualty, Office of Superintendent of Insurance; TBD, Office of the Attorney General
- 5:00 -- Adjourn

Wednesday, July 22

**--JOINT MEETING WITH THE
LEGISLATIVE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE--**

- 8:30 -- Overview of New Mexico's Healthcare System -- Allegra Hernandez, Fiscal Analyst, Legislative Finance Committee
- 10:00 -- Cost Drivers in Healthcare -- Eric Chenier, Principal Analyst, Legislative Finance Committee; Kari Armijo, Cabinet Secretary, Health Care Authority; Viara Ianakieva, Life and Health Division Director, Office of Superintendent of Insurance
- Cost Increases/Changes
 - Private Insurance Premiums/Cost Growth
 - Administrative Structure
 - Administrative and Overhead Costs
- 11:45 -- Public Comment
- 12:00 -- Lunch

--LEGISLATIVE FINANCE COMMITTEE RESUMES--

- 1:00 -- Coordinating Investments in Rural Economic Development and Quality of Life -- Isaac Romero, Deputy Cabinet Secretary, Economic Development Department; Shanna Sasser, Deputy Cabinet Secretary, Department of Tourism; Toby Velasquez, Director of State Parks, Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department; Wesley Billingsley, Director of Local Government Division, Department of Finance and Administration
- Coordination of Efforts Among Agencies (e.g. Advertising, Infrastructure)
 - Update on Quality of Life Grants
- 2:30 -- Policy Spotlight: Industrial Revenue Bonds -- Drew Weaver, Program Evaluator, Legislative Finance Committee; Michael Hess, Program Evaluator, Legislative Finance Committee
- 3:30 -- Children, Youth & Families Department: 2024 Government Results and Opportunity Pilot Projects -- Valarie Sandoval, Acting Secretary, Children, Youth & Families Department
- Master-Level Social Work Licensure (\$1.7 million)
 - Multi-level Response for CPS (\$4.2 million)
 - Prevention and Intervention Services (\$9 million)
 - Foster Care Support (\$3.8 million)
- 5:00 -- Adjourn

Thursday, July 23

- 8:00 -- Update on 2026 Public School Formula Issues -- Sunny Liu, Fiscal Analyst, Legislative Finance Committee; John Sena, Director, Legislative Education Study Committee; Mariana Padilla, Secretary, Public Education Department
- Operational Loopholes: Instructional Time and Distance Learning
 - Public School Capital Outlay: Local-State Match

9:30 -- Public Education Department: 2024/2025 Public Education Reform Fund/GRO Pilot Projects -- Sarah Dinces, Program Evaluator, Legislative Finance Committee; Jessica Hathaway, Deputy Director, Legislative Education Study Committee; Simon Miller, Performance Analyst, Department of Finance and Administration; Mariana Padilla, Secretary, Public Education Department

- 2024 GRO
 - Special Education Teacher Stipends (\$15 M)
 - Educator Clinical Practice Programs (\$60 M)
- 2025 PERF
 - Attendance Initiatives (\$18.6M)
 - Math Achievement (\$13.5M)
 - Unhoused Student GBI (\$6.3M)
 - Innovative Staffing (\$7.8M)
 - Secondary Literacy (\$15.6M)

11:00 -- Miscellaneous Committee Business

Action Items

- 1) Review of Draft LFC FY28 Budget Guidelines for August Approval
- 2) Approval of June 2026 LFC Minutes

Review of Monthly Financial Reports & Information Items

- 3) LFC FY26 Budget Status
- 4) BAR Report
- 5) Cash Balance Report
- 6) Full Time Employees by Agency
- 7) LFC Program Evaluation Status Report
- 8) Correspondence

11:30 -- Adjourn

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