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LFC Wins National Honor for Performance Budgeting for Third Year

Representatives from Results for America, a national nonprofit focused on evidence-based decision-making in government, are scheduled to be in Santa Fe November 17 to present the Legislative Finance Committee and its staff with a silver certification award for its work on results-driven budgeting and performance analysis, the third year in a row New Mexico has been honored by the organization.

The award ceremony is scheduled for noon during the committee's regular November meeting in Room 307 of the state capitol.

Results for America, in the newly released report <u>2025 Invest in What Works State Standard of Excellence</u>, recognizes New Mexico as one 13 states leading the nation in its efforts to use data and evidence to maximize the impact of taxpayer dollars.

The report highlights LFC's use of evidence in assessing <u>budget expansion requests</u> and its <u>annual review of legislative session action</u>.

The Results for America program, an outgrowth of the data-focused Pew-MacArthur Results First Initiative, also notes the committee's <u>evaluation leadership</u>, the <u>quarterly agency</u> <u>performance report cards</u>, and the <u>LegisStat</u> collaborative hearing process that focuses on specific performance issues, along with efforts in the executive.

The Results for America report evaluates all states against 12 criteria that measure how they are leveraging their budgeting, grantmaking, and direct services authority to invest in what works and deliver better results for their residents faster. The criteria are intended to act as a roadmap for states.