RETIREMENT ATTRACTION ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE

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- Energy
- Tourism
- RETIREES
 (21,000 jobs over 10 yrs.)
 (1 household=.46 jobs)
 (Urban and Rural)
- Federal Government
- Solo work
- Agriculture
- Startup
- Film

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- Social Security non taxable
- TRD/ EDD study not completed
- UNM/NMSU Economist Study
 "reveal that it's not feasible"
 (cost about \$50mil/100 per retiree)





New Mexico is NOT known as a place to retire

RETIREE ECONOMIC BENEFIT



- 275,000 Retirees Living in NM
- 10,000 baby boomers turning 65 every day
- One Retiree Household with \$70,000
 Annual Income contributes \$65,000 in state taxes over 15 years
- Attracting an additional 10 households would add \$650,000 income conservatively





MARKETING BENEFITS and C







- \$ 1,000,000 OVER 10 YEARS WOULD PAY FOR ITSELF IF ATTRACTED 15 ADDITIONAL RETIREE HOUSEHOLDS WITH AVERAGE EARNINGS
- PRIVATE AND PUBLIC FUNDING



PLANNING FUNDING

\$100,000 LEGISLATIVE REQUEST



