

2025 APPROVED
WORK PLAN AND MEETING SCHEDULE
for the
SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

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Work Plan

The Science, Technology and Telecommunications Committee was created by the New Mexico Legislative Council on April 28, 2025. As time permits, the committee proposes to continue its oversight role regarding the state's information technology projects, developments at the national laboratories in the state and the science and technological programs at the state's research universities. It also proposes to continue to examine issues regarding the development of broadband infrastructure, the telecommunications market, uses of technology in law enforcement, the science- and technology-based economic sector within the state and STEM education and extracurricular programs. Aside from these traditional functions, in 2025, the committee proposes to particularly focus on the following topic areas:

A. growing impacts of the use of artificial intelligence in the business sector, government and public life in general and whether there should be statutory guidance or requirements on its use;

B. the cybersecurity environment for public institutions and the private sector and approaches to developing greater cybersecurity literacy in the workforce and the general public;

C. methods to address the growing demand for data privacy by the public;

D. developments in energy production and transmission, including emerging technologies and the use of artificial intelligence to detect and remedy leaks during the extraction of energy minerals, the development of the Western Transmission Consortium as a regional power grid and the potential impacts of proposed federal transmission corridors; and

E. potential impacts of federal budget restructuring on the state, including on the planned radio telescope replacement project at the National Radio Astronomy Observatory's Very Large Array and on research grants and cybersecurity at the state's higher education institutions.

**Science, Technology and Telecommunications Committee
2025 Approved Meeting Schedule**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>
June 10	Santa Fe
July 29-30	Los Alamos
August 25-26	Albuquerque
September 22-23	Tucumcari
October 23-24	Las Cruces
November 12	Santa Fe