

**2020 PROPOSED  
WORK PLAN AND MEETING SCHEDULE  
for the  
ECONOMIC AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

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**Work Plan**

The Economic and Rural Development Committee (ERDC) was created by the New Mexico Legislative Council on July 7, 2020. During the 2020 interim, and as time permits, the ERDC will explore and discuss major areas and specific issues affecting economic and rural development as follows:

- A. current and proposed programs and 2021 legislative priorities of the Economic Development Department;
- B. the economic outlook for New Mexico as provided by economists and academic experts;
- C. the hemp industry, including an update on industry developments;
- D. the state of the hospitality industry;

- E. broadband access, including in rural areas;
- F. variances to rules and ordinances to help restaurants and bars in the age of COVID-19;
- G. liquor licenses, including equitable expansion of dispenser's license availability and issues concerning breweries and distilleries;
- H. the state of tourism, particularly its effect on tribal economies;
- I. an update on the New Mexico Outdoor Recreation Division of the Economic Development Department;
- J. proposed 2021 legislative priorities of the Workforce Solutions Department and an update on unemployment insurance and programs to support the self-employed;
- K. economic development tools for areas adjacent to the Rio Grande;
- L. recreational cannabis, including benefits and costs of legalization; and
- M. reports on the state of various industries in New Mexico.

**Economic and Rural Development Committee  
2020 Proposed Meeting Schedule**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>
August 3	Santa Fe, State Capitol, House Chambers*
August 31	Santa Fe, State Capitol, House Chambers*
October 19	Santa Fe, State Capitol, House Chambers*
November 10	Santa Fe, State Capitol, House Chambers*

\*The State Capitol will be closed to the public, but meetings will be webcast. Committee members may attend meetings in Santa Fe or via a video conference platform.