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Blue Ribbon Tax Reform Commission Announces Hearing Dates

The Blue Ribbon Tax Reform Commission, which is working to propose changes to New Mexico's tax code, will hold two special hearings at which members of the public are invited to present their ideas, Chairman Jerry W. Sandel said today.

Members of the commission will meet August 4 at the Farm and Ranch Heritage Museum in Las Cruces and August 5 at Albuquerque Technical-Vocational Institute to hear from members of the public. The agendas at those two hearings will be devoted to receiving public comment and each hearing is scheduled to run from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

The meetings are in addition to the commission's regular public meetings in Santa Fe.

Members of the public can find more information about the commission's work, membership and meeting dates on the Internet at www.legis.state.nm.us/bluetaxcomm.asp.

"We have a unique opportunity to make New Mexico's taxes fairer and friendlier to working families and small businesses. Receiving the public's comments is critical to this process," Sandel said.

The Blue Ribbon Tax Reform Commission, which was created by legislation approved during the 2003 legislative session, has divided its work into subcommittees created to examine economic development, the tax burden on families, excise taxes and tax equity issues.

Testimony at the two special public hearings will be organized generally in categories of tax issues being considered by the Blue Ribbon Tax Reform Commission.

The Farm and Ranch Heritage Museum is located at 4100 Dripping Springs Road in Las Cruces, 1.5 miles east of Interstate 25.

The hearing at Albuquerque Technical-Vocational Institute will be held in Room SB 100, the auditorium at Smith-Brasher Building, 717 University SE.