

**2018 APPROVED  
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 April 26, 2018. During the 2018 interim, and as time permits, the ERDC will explore and discuss major areas and specific issues affecting economic and rural development as follows:

- A. business development resources and state-supported strategies;
- B. workforce development and education;
- C. infrastructure, utilities and basic needs in New Mexico communities, including broadband deployment in rural communities;
- D. regulation and licensing;

- E. taxes and financial incentives;
- F. reports from state agencies and political subdivisions, including:
  - 1. current and proposed programs and 2019 legislative priorities of the Economic Development Department and its associated divisions;
  - 2. current and proposed programs and 2019 legislative priorities of the Workforce Solutions Department;
  - 3. current and proposed programs and 2019 legislative priorities of the Regulation and Licensing Department and its associated divisions;
  - 4. current and proposed programs and 2019 legislative priorities of the Tourism Department;
  - 5. updates and legislative priorities of the Taxation and Revenue Department;
  - 6. the initiatives and recent activities of Spaceport America;
  - 7. a report from the Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department on the economic benefits of improving and maintaining state parks; coordination with local businesses, municipalities and other entities to increase tourism; and uses of proposed rate increases; and
  - 8. updates from the Children, Youth and Families Department and Workforce Solutions Department on child care resources;
- G. ways to promote job creation;
- H. additional topics relating to rural and economic development in the state, including:
  - 1. infrastructure, community and essential services in frontier communities;
  - 2. incentives for retirees to relocate to New Mexico;
  - 3. alcohol-related issues, including:
    - a. recent amendments to the Liquor Control Act;
    - b. license availability; and
    - c. online sale of alcohol;

4. regulation of hemp production;
  5. state property transfers;
  6. state road signs and tourism;
  7. entrepreneurial training programs;
  8. value-added agriculture industries;
  9. the horse racing industry;
  10. the racino industry;
  11. Four Corners power plant closures;
  12. transportation infrastructure needs;
  13. state university research programs;
  14. public school programs encouraging careers in science;
  15. the Gallup sheep processing plant;
  16. building inspections and economic development;
  17. livestock theft;
  18. rural health care provider jobs; and
  19. legalization of recreational marijuana;
- I. proposed economic-development-related legislation; and
  - J. discussion of industrial hemp as it relates to economic development.

**Economic and Rural Development Committee  
2018 Approved Meeting Schedule**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>
June 12	Santa Fe
July 12-13	Albuquerque
August 13-15	Gallup, Farmington
September 4-5	Cloudcroft, Alamogordo
October 11-12	Las Cruces
October 31-November 1	Santa Fe