

HOUSE BILL 1

57TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2026

INTRODUCED BY

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AN ACT

RELATING TO THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH OF GOVERNMENT; MAKING
APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE EXPENSE OF THE FIFTY-SEVENTH
LEGISLATURE, SECOND SESSION, 2026, AND FOR OTHER LEGISLATIVE
EXPENSES, INCLUDING THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL SERVICE, THE
LEGISLATIVE FINANCE COMMITTEE, THE LEGISLATIVE EDUCATION STUDY
COMMITTEE, THE SENATE RULES COMMITTEE, THE HOUSE CHIEF CLERK'S
OFFICE, THE SENATE CHIEF CLERK'S OFFICE AND OTHER EXPENSES OF
THE LEGISLATURE; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

SECTION 1. SESSION EXPENSES.--

A. There is appropriated from the general fund for
the expense of the legislative department of the state of New
Mexico for the second session of the fifty-seventh legislature
for per diem and mileage of its members, for salaries of
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1 employees and for other expenses of the legislature, seven
2 million two hundred forty-one thousand four hundred dollars
3 (\$7,241,400) or so much thereof as may be necessary for such
4 purposes.

5 B. The expenditures referred to in Subsection A of
6 this section are as follows:

7 (1) per diem for senators \$254,600;

8 (2) per diem for members of the house of
9 representatives \$424,200;

10 (3) mileage traveled by members of the senate
11 going to and returning from the seat of government by the
12 usually traveled route, one round trip. \$8,000;

13 (4) mileage traveled by members of the house
14 of representatives going to and returning from the seat of
15 government by the usually traveled route, one round trip. . . .
16 \$13,500;

17 (5) salaries and employee benefits of senate
18 employees \$1,700,000;

19 (6) salaries and employee benefits of house of
20 representatives employees \$2,275,000;

21 (7) for expense of the senate not itemized
22 above, five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000). No part of
23 this item may be transferred to salaries or employee benefits;

24 (8) for expense of the house of
25 representatives not itemized above, four hundred sixty-six

1 thousand one hundred dollars (\$466,100). No part of this item
2 may be transferred to salaries or employee benefits; and

3 (9) for session expenses of the legislative
4 council service, the joint billroom and mailroom and joint
5 legislative switchboard, one million six hundred thousand
6 dollars (\$1,600,000) to be disbursed upon vouchers signed by
7 the director of the legislative council service or the
8 director's designee.

9 C. The expenditures for the senate shall be
10 disbursed on vouchers signed by the chair of the committees'
11 committee and the chief clerk of the senate or the chief
12 clerk's designee. The expenditures for the house of
13 representatives shall be disbursed on vouchers signed by the
14 speaker and chief clerk of the house or the chief clerk's
15 designee. Following adjournment of the session, expenditures
16 authorized pursuant to Paragraphs (1) through (8) of Subsection
17 B of this section shall be disbursed upon vouchers signed by
18 the director of the legislative council service or the
19 director's designee.

20 D. Under the printing contracts entered into for
21 the second session of the fifty-seventh legislature, the chair
22 of the committees' committee of the senate, subject to the
23 approval of the committee, and the speaker of the house of
24 representatives are authorized and directed to provide for the
25 printing of all bills, resolutions, joint resolutions,

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1 memorials and joint memorials introduced in the senate or
2 house, the printing of the bill locator and the printing of all
3 necessary stationery required for use in the respective houses.
4 They are further directed to provide for the purchase of all
5 supplies necessary for use in the respective houses within the
6 appropriation provided. The orders for printing, stationery
7 and supplies shall be approved by the chair of the committees'
8 committee in the senate or by the speaker of the house.

9 **SECTION 2. BILLS AND OTHER PRINTED MATERIALS.**--For the
10 second session of the fifty-seventh legislature, bills,
11 resolutions, joint resolutions, memorials and joint memorials
12 delivered to the printer shall be returned by the printer to
13 the joint billroom within forty-two hours after they are
14 ordered to be printed. The billroom personnel shall supply a
15 complete file of bills, resolutions, joint resolutions,
16 memorials, joint memorials and other printed distribution
17 materials to the following:

18 A. upon request, one copy to each member of the
19 house of representatives and the senate;

20 B. upon written request, one copy to each county
21 clerk, district judge, radio or television station and
22 newspaper and to the general library of each state-supported
23 institution of higher learning; and

24 C. upon written request, one copy to each state
25 department, commission, board, institution or agency, each

1 elected state official, each incorporated municipality, each
2 district attorney, each ex-governor, each member of the New
3 Mexico congressional delegation and each school district in the
4 state.

5 **SECTION 3. LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL SERVICE.**--There is
6 appropriated from the general fund to the legislative council
7 service for expenditure in fiscal year 2027, to be disbursed
8 upon vouchers signed by the director of the legislative council
9 service or the director's designee, the following:

10 Personal Services & Employee Benefits	\$10,916,300
11 Contractual Services	\$485,000
12 Other Costs	\$1,403,800
13 Total	\$12,805,100.

14 **SECTION 4. LEGISLATURE.**--There is appropriated from the
15 general fund, unless otherwise indicated, for the expense of
16 the legislative department, not provided for in Section 1 of
17 this act, for expenditure in fiscal year 2027, unless otherwise
18 indicated, to be disbursed on vouchers signed by the director
19 of the legislative council service or the director's designee,
20 the following:

21 A. for travel expenses of legislators other than
22 New Mexico legislative council members, on legislative council
23 business, for committee travel, staff and other necessary
24 expenses for other interim committees and for other necessary
25 legislative expenses, three million five hundred thousand

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1 dollars (\$3,500,000); provided that the New Mexico legislative
2 council may transfer amounts from the appropriation in this
3 subsection, during the fiscal years for which appropriated, to
4 any other legislative appropriation where they may be needed;

5 B. for pre-session expenditures and for necessary
6 contracts, supplies and personnel for interim session
7 preparation, five hundred sixty thousand dollars (\$560,000);

8 C. for a statewide legislative intern program,
9 sixty-one thousand eight hundred dollars (\$61,800);

10 D. for dues and fees of national organizations of
11 which the legislature is a member, four hundred seventy-nine
12 thousand three hundred dollars (\$479,300);

13 E. for the legislative information system, for
14 fiscal years 2026 and 2027, three million five hundred twenty-
15 nine thousand eight hundred dollars (\$3,529,800);

16 F. for the interim duties of the senate rules
17 committee, thirty-five thousand dollars (\$35,000);

18 G. for the contractual services of the capitol
19 buildings planning commission, two hundred fifty-seven thousand
20 five hundred dollars (\$257,500);

21 H. for expenditure in fiscal years 2026 through
22 2028 for the planning, output development and design of an
23 integrated capital outlay data system, two million one hundred
24 thousand dollars (\$2,100,000);

25 I. for legislative district staff, including

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1 salaries and benefits, information technology equipment and
2 software, furniture, supplies, office space and other necessary
3 support, thirteen million two hundred thousand dollars
4 (\$13,200,000). Any unexpended balance remaining at the end of
5 fiscal year 2027 from the appropriation in this subsection
6 shall revert to the general fund;

7 J. for expenditure in fiscal years 2027 through
8 2029 from legislative cash balances for equipment, furniture,
9 upgrades and repairs for the state capitol complex, two million
10 six hundred thousand dollars (\$2,600,000); and

11 K. for expenditure in fiscal years 2026 and 2027
12 from legislative cash balances for the ongoing planning, output
13 development and design of a legislative processing system, one
14 million dollars (\$1,000,000).

15 SECTION 5. LEGISLATIVE FINANCE COMMITTEE.--

16 A. There is appropriated from the general fund to
17 the legislative finance committee, to be disbursed upon
18 vouchers signed by the chair of the committee or the chair's
19 designated representative:

20 (1) for expenditure in fiscal year 2027, the
21 following:

22	Personal Services & Employee Benefits	\$6,980,700
23	Contractual Services	\$386,000
24	Other Costs	\$584,600
25	Total	\$7,951,300;

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1 and

2 (2) for expenditure in fiscal years 2027 and
3 2028, one hundred seventy thousand dollars (\$170,000) for
4 economic analysis subscription costs and data analysis
5 equipment.

6 B. Up to fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) of the
7 unexpended balance of the appropriation in Laws 2025 (2nd
8 S.S.), Chapter 1, Section 7 may be expended from any category.

9 SECTION 6. LEGISLATIVE EDUCATION STUDY COMMITTEE.--There
10 is appropriated from the general fund to the legislative
11 education study committee for expenditure in fiscal year 2027,
12 to be disbursed on vouchers signed by the chair of the
13 committee or the chair's designated representative, the
14 following:

15	Personal Services & Employee Benefits	\$1,824,300
16	Contractual Services	\$40,000
17	Other Costs	\$160,000
18	Total	\$2,024,300.

19 SECTION 7. HOUSE CHIEF CLERK.--There is appropriated from
20 the general fund to the legislative council service for
21 expenditure in fiscal year 2027 for the operation of the house
22 chief clerk's office, to be disbursed on vouchers signed by the
23 director of the legislative council service, the following:

24	Personal Services & Employee Benefits	\$3,716,700
25	Contractual Services	\$397,300

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Other Costs \$87,900

Total \$4,201,900.

SECTION 8. SENATE CHIEF CLERK.--There is appropriated from the general fund to the legislative council service for expenditure in fiscal year 2027 for the operation of the senate chief clerk's office, to be disbursed on vouchers signed by the director of the legislative council service, the following:

Personal Services & Employee Benefits \$3,361,500

Contractual Services \$467,600

Other Costs \$120,900

Total \$3,950,000.

SECTION 9. CENSUS REDISTRICTING DATA PROGRAM.--There is appropriated from the legislative cash balances to the legislative council service for the first and second phases of the 2030 census redistricting data program and to perform such functions as are necessary to prepare for redistricting in 2031, five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) for expenditure in fiscal years 2026 through 2028.

SECTION 10. OFFICIAL MASTER DATABASE OF LAWS--SELF-PUBLICATION--FREE ACCESS TECHNOLOGY--HARD-COPY PUBLICATION.--There is appropriated from the legislative cash balances for the legislative department's share of the continued development required for the master database of official annotated laws of the state, markup language and tagging and its use for legislative document systems and a tagged database of the

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1 session laws and for the costs associated in collaborating with
2 the New Mexico compilation commission on the ongoing
3 development and expanding partnership role with the New Mexico
4 compilation commission in the self-publication of the *New*
5 *Mexico Statutes Annotated 1978*, including technology for freely
6 accessible laws and hard-copy publication, four hundred
7 thousand dollars (\$400,000) for expenditure during fiscal years
8 2026 and 2027.

9 SECTION 11. CATEGORY TRANSFER.--Amounts set out in
10 Sections 3 through 8 of this act are provided for informational
11 purposes only and may be transferred among categories.

12 SECTION 12. PERFORMANCE MEASURES.--Each legislative
13 agency shall adhere to the performance measures specified in
14 its strategic plan and shall make reports as required in that
15 plan.

16 SECTION 13. EMERGENCY.--It is necessary for the public
17 peace, health and safety that this act take effect immediately.