

HOUSE COMMERCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
HOUSE BILL 564

57TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2025

AN ACT

RELATING TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT; ESTABLISHING THE NEW MEXICO-
IRELAND TRADE COMMISSION.

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

SECTION 1. [NEW MATERIAL] NEW MEXICO-IRELAND TRADE
COMMISSION--MEMBERSHIP--DUTIES--ANNUAL REPORT.--

A. The "New Mexico-Ireland trade commission" is
established and administratively attached to the economic
development department.

B. Members of the commission shall be appointed as
follows:

(1) four members who have knowledge of or
involvement in organizations that promote Irish affairs or have
interest in the well-being of trade relations between New
Mexico and Ireland:

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1 (a) one of whom shall be appointed by
2 the president pro tempore of the senate;

3 (b) one of whom shall be appointed by
4 the minority floor leader of the senate;

5 (c) one of whom shall be appointed by
6 the speaker of the house of representatives; and

7 (d) one of whom shall be appointed by
8 the minority floor leader of the house of representatives;

9 (2) six members appointed by the governor who
10 have knowledge of or involvement in organizations that promote
11 Irish affairs or have interest in the well-being of trade
12 relations between New Mexico and Ireland, no more than three of
13 whom shall be registered members of the same political party,
14 including:

15 (a) one member from a state institution
16 of higher education;

17 (b) one member who is a member of an
18 Indian nation, tribe or pueblo;

19 (c) one member who is involved with a
20 New Mexico agricultural business;

21 (d) one member who is involved with a
22 New Mexico oil or gas energy business; and

23 (e) two members of the public who are
24 versed in artificial intelligence technology, information
25 technology or data management; and

(3) the secretary of economic development or the secretary's designee.

C. Members of the commission shall serve four-year terms; provided that:

(1) members initially appointed pursuant to Subparagraphs (a) of Paragraphs (1) and (2) of Subsection B of this section and one of the members appointed pursuant to Subparagraph (e) of Paragraph (2) of Subsection B of this section shall serve an initial term of one year;

(2) members initially appointed pursuant to Subparagraphs (b) of Paragraphs (1) and (2) of Subsection B of this section and one of the members appointed pursuant to Subparagraph (e) of Paragraph (2) of Subsection B of this section shall serve an initial term of two years;

(3) members initially appointed pursuant to Subparagraphs (c) of Paragraphs (1) and (2) of Subsection B of this section shall serve an initial term of three years; and

(4) members initially appointed pursuant to Subparagraphs (d) of Paragraphs (1) and (2) of Subsection B of this section shall serve an initial term of four years.

D. Appointments shall be made not later than ninety days following the effective date of this 2025 act. Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as the initial appointment.

E. Members of the commission who are not public employees are not entitled to per diem and mileage as provided

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1 in the Per Diem and Mileage Act and shall receive no other
2 compensation, perquisite or allowance.

3 F. The commission may accept gifts, grants,
4 donations, money from fundraising activities, bequests and
5 other forms of voluntary contributions to carry out the
6 purposes of the commission.

7 G. The commission shall:

8 (1) annually elect a chair and vice chair from
9 among the commission's members;

10 (2) meet at least once annually and at the
11 call of the chair;

12 (3) assign economic development department
13 staff as necessary to carry out the purposes of the commission;

14 (4) work to advance bilateral trade and
15 investment between New Mexico and Ireland with emphasis on the
16 technology, agricultural and energy sectors;

17 (5) initiate joint action on policy issues of
18 mutual interest between New Mexico and Ireland;

19 (6) promote business and academic exchanges
20 between New Mexico and Ireland;

21 (7) encourage mutual economic support between
22 New Mexico and Ireland;

23 (8) encourage mutual investment in the
24 infrastructure of New Mexico and Ireland; and

25 (9) on or before December 1, 2027 and each

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year thereafter, submit to the governor and the legislature a report that includes the commission's findings, results and recommendations.

SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.--The effective date of the provisions of this act is July 1, 2026.

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