

Greetings and Happy Monday, Lobos,


While the ink is still drying on a number of appropriations and related policy measures that the New Mexico Legislature adopted during the 2022 State Legislative Session, we are pleased to share with you today a [UNM-specific legislative snapshot](#) showing where things currently stand, mainly focused on House Bill 2 (i.e., the state's primary legislative vehicle for budget purposes) and also some other key appropriations measures, including capital outlay bills (HB 153, SB 212, and SB 213) and the "Junior" appropriations bill (SB 48).

The context here is important to a broader understanding of the legislative process: while the Legislature wrapped up its work on February 17, the legislative process is not actually finalized until the New Mexico Governor completes her final review of pending legislation, now subject to her signature or veto through the 20-day "signing period" which concludes March 9. For that reason, ongoing Lobo community engagement continues to play a key role in our future success. Our Office of Government and Community Relations (OGCR) has triangulated with large number constituent groups on campus—and beyond—to submit letters of support for each of the Legislature's major UNM-focused appropriations that were scattered across these various bills, and each of those letters has now been shared with the Executive Branch.

For more information, please visit our updated "Updated HB2 Summary Memo" in the "Final Legislative Disposition: Prior to Governor Actions" section our OGCR team website for the [2022 Legislative Session](#). Once the Governor's final actions have been rendered to sign or else veto legislation in her purview, we will be issuing a more in-depth analysis along with final UNM legislative outcomes for the session.

Many thanks to UNM Senior Leadership and the many internal and external constituent groups who cultivated many key legislative appropriations during the rapid-fire 30-day session this year. In the meantime, please join us in a well-deserved Lobo Howl for once again putting UNM in a strong position to better serve the State of New Mexico and our many constituencies with increased legislative- and executive-branch support. Your actions truly made a difference!

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