

2025 State Legislative Session Final Report



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2025 State Legislative Session Summary and Highlights

The purpose of this report is to summarize and highlight legislation impacting the University of New Mexico as enacted during the 60-day 2025 State Legislative Session, formally known as the First Session of the 57th Legislature. In general, the 2025 Legislative Session is enacting policy and appropriations applicable to FY26 and beyond. In this report, FY26 refers to the state fiscal year from July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026, unless otherwise specified.

60-day legislative sessions in New Mexico occur in odd-numbered calendar years, and those sessions are designed for the consideration of budgetary and also non-budgetary policy; in the intervening even-numbered calendar years, 30-day sessions are held that focus primarily on state budgetary matters. This report highlights major appropriations bills with other brief highlights noting some key non-appropriations related legislation significantly impacting UNM's interests.

UNM successfully influenced many significant policy bills and appropriations therein over the course of the 2025 State Legislative Session. The legislation described below is the result of a careful mix of proactive and reactive strategy, responsive to the [UNM 2040 "Opportunity Defined" Strategic Plan](#), and also reflective of those specific legislative objectives that will accelerate UNM's progress toward attaining those goals. A brochure summarizing UNM's [FY26 state legislative priorities](#) is available on the UNM Government Relations website.

The primary sources for this report include publicly available information from the 2025 State Legislative Session, the state legislative website (www.nmlegis.gov), and member correspondence from the New Mexico Council of University Presidents (NM CUP). For prior information from the 2025 State Legislative Session, please visit the UNM Government Relations 2025 Legislative Session site (<https://govrel.unm.edu/state-legislative-sessions/2025/index.html>).

The Legislature also maintains a helpful [Glossary of Legislative Terms](#) that may provide additional clarity on some of the technical terminology utilized for consistency's sake throughout this report.

Different Types of Major Appropriations Legislation

The majority of this report will focus on the three major appropriations bills passed and signed in the 2025 Legislative Session (see "final version" for each of the below):

- [HB 2: General Appropriations Act](#),
- [HB 450: Capital Outlay Projects](#), and
- [SB 425: Capital Outlay Reauthorizations](#)

The **General Appropriations Act**, numbered perennially as House Bill 2 (**HB 2**), provides appropriations for the annual operating budgets for state agencies and higher education institutions in Section 4 of the bill. HB 2 also includes nonrecurring appropriations for a wide range of programs and purposes in Sections 5 of the bill and subsequent sections. Unless otherwise specified, references in this report to "HB 2" assume reference to the final 2025 version of House Bill 2.

This year's HB 2 is organized similar to previous years, broken down into sections delineating appropriations generally deemed recurring (Section 4) versus all others. The bill includes the following content sections:

Section 4: Fiscal Year 2026 Appropriations, by agency [recurring]
Section 5: Special Appropriations
Section 6: Supplemental and Deficiency Appropriations
Section 7: Information Technology Appropriations
Section 8: Compensation Appropriations
Section 9: Government Results and Opportunity Expendable Trust
Section 10: Fund Transfers
Section 11: Special Transportation Appropriations
Section 12: Additional FY26 Budget Adjustment Authority
Section 13: Certain FY26 Budget Adjustments Authorized
Section 14: Transfer Authority
Section 15: Severability

This report will be organized sequentially according to the House Bill 2 sections above, followed by capital outlay legislation, with additional brief discussion of non-appropriations (i.e., substantive) legislation in conclusion.

Regarding HB 2, Section 4 *recurring* appropriations, for higher education institutions, those recurring appropriations include the following subcategories:

- **Instruction & General (I&G):** funding for higher education base operations related to academic instruction and related institutional supports. I&G is distributed through a performance-based funding formula for all HEIs except for the UNM HSC and for special schools. Special schools include the New Mexico Military Institute, New Mexico School for the Blind and Visually Impaired and New Mexico School for the Deaf.
- **Categorical Funds:** line items in the budget that are typically replicated at varying amounts across multiple higher education institutions in New Mexico, such as funding for athletics-related programs. The budget tends to treat categorical funds and Research and Public Service Projects (RPSPs) similarly as the only other type of recurring funding for institutions outside of I&G.
- **Research and Public Service Projects:** recurring appropriations to higher education institutions that support research endeavors and/or services to the public that are not otherwise encompassed and supported by I&G.

Viewed in the aggregate, each of the above categories of recurring funding for higher education institutions may be summed up as follows:

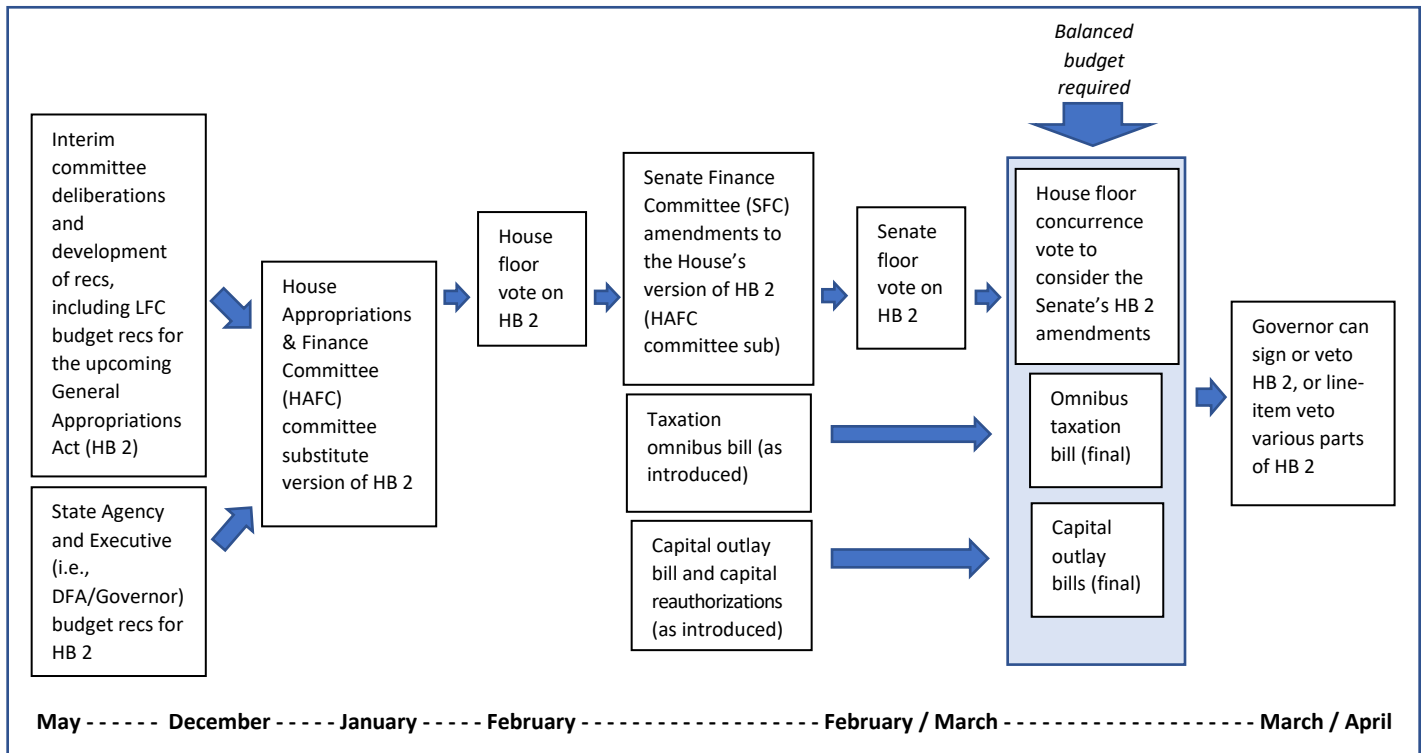
I&G + Categorical Funds + RPSPs = Recurring Funding TOTAL

Brief Summary of the State Policy and Appropriations Development Process

The relatively short time duration of state legislative sessions in New Mexico necessitates that the Legislature (including legislative staff) and the Executive (i.e., the Governor and the Governor's state agency leaders) prepare legislative concepts, and in some cases, draft legislation, during the interim committee process. Interim committees meet throughout the late spring, summer, and fall to hold hearings on particular topics, review agency and program budgets, and hear from constituents, all in an effort to tee up a wide range of bills for consideration by the Legislature once it convenes in January. The remainder of CY 2025 will be historic in the sense that it is the first interim session when each legislator will have a full-time legislative assistant available to help them manage constituent relations. Prior to this year, only some interim committees, committee leadership, and senior leadership in the House and Senate were afforded year-round

staff. For illustrative purposes, the general timeline and workflow for policy and budget development as part of a year-long cycle appears below:

Figure 1. New Mexico’s Annual State Legislative Cycle



Additional details about the legislative process in New Mexico are available on the State Legislature’s website: <https://www.nmlegis.gov/Publications/Visitors/StateLegislatureHandbook16.pdf>

HB 2, Section 4: Appropriations Summary

Below is a high-level summary of appropriations impacting UNM, generally applicable to FY26 unless otherwise noted, followed by additional information grouped by key areas.

- According to HB 2, the purpose of Instructional & General (I&G) funding at **Central Campus** (formerly, “Main Campus,” as it is still referred to in state legislative policy) is to “*provide education services designed to meet the intellectual, educational and quality of life goals associated with the ability to enter the workforce, compete and advance in the new economy and contribute to social advancement through informed citizenship.*”
- According to HB 2, the purpose of I&G funding at New Mexico’s **community colleges** is to “*provide credit and noncredit postsecondary education and training opportunities to New Mexicans so they have the skills to be competitive in the new economy and are able to participate in lifelong learning activities.*”
- According to HB 2, the purpose of I&G funding at **UNM HSC** is to “*provide educational, clinical, and research support for the advancement of the health of all New Mexicans.*”

The final version of HB 2 includes \$1.2 billion for **I&G funding, categorical funding, and RPSPs** for higher education institutions across the state resulting in a statewide total increase of \$37.9 million (3.3%).

For UNM Central Campus and branch campuses (excluding HSC), HB 2 includes a total of \$320.7383 million, inclusive of **I&G funding, categorical funding, and RPSPs**, an increase of \$11.9048 million (3.9 percent) for these recurring funds as compared to last year's "adjusted base" totals, noted as "FY25 OpBud" in the first column in **Table 1A**.

Individual UNM branch campus recurring appropriations (i.e., UNM-Gallup, UNM-Los Alamos, UNM-Taos, and UNM-Valencia) are also tracked in Table 1A. UNM branch campuses maintain a slightly different set of funding sources than the UNM Albuquerque campuses, including local tax mechanisms specific to community college support.

For UNM Health Sciences Center (HSC), HB 2 includes a total of \$166.0085 million, inclusive of I&G funding, categorical funding, and RPSPs, representing an increase of \$5.0174 million (3.1 percent) as compared to last year's "adjusted base" totals, noted as "FY25 OpBud" in the first column in **Table 1B**.

The final version of HB 2 incorporates \$3.7 million in non-formula adjustments, to be allocated to various institutions statewide, **that are specific and must be expended on student support services** (\$3.0 million, statewide) and *graduate student compensation* (\$718,400, statewide; note that, as a non-formula adjustment, the HSC I&G line includes \$31,600 for graduate student compensation, detailed in LFC Volume 3, pg. 101).

As a point of clarification related to Table 1A and Table 1B, the state's references to "Adjusted Base" (i.e., "OpBud", or "Operating Budget") totals for state agencies and higher education institutions each year are typically last year's HB 2 totals with additional interim adjustments applied, such as compensation increases initially authorized and funded by the last year's HB 2. These "adjusted base" amounts serve as the baseline for changes to the I&G, RPSPs, and categorical funding line items in HB 2 each year.

For more details on I&G, RPSPs, and categorical funds applicable to UNM campuses, see pages 141 through 150 of [HB 2](#).

HB 2, Sec. 4 Additional Details: UNM RPSPs and Categorical Funds

Each year, [HB 2](#) includes line items for **Research and Public Service Projects (RPSPs)** and **Categorical Funds** as recurring direct appropriations to the University for the specific programs and purposes identified in each line item, and for that reason, they are more specific and purpose-bound than I&G funding. The exact amounts of the appropriations by which RPSPs and categorical funds receive state funding tend to vary in some instances from year-to-year, sometimes in response to UNM's specific requests.

For the purposes of UNM's communications with the Higher Education Department (HED), the Department of Finance and Administration (DFA), and the Legislature, UNM's annual requests of these types are traditionally organized into several categories: "**expansion requests**" are existing line items in HB 2 that are requesting additional funds; "**new requests**" are programs requesting to become new line items in HB 2; and "**continuing requests**" are existing line items in HB 2 that are requesting a flat appropriation.

Table 1A. UNM Main and Branch Campuses

2025 (FY26) Appropriations: HB 2 Recurring Line Items															
(in thousands) rev. 4/12/25															
UNM Institution/Program	FY25 OpBud	FY26 HED Rec	FY26 Executive Rec	FY26 LFC Rec	HED Rec Over/Under FY25 OpBud	Exec Rec Over/Under FY25 OpBud	HED % Change	Exec % Change	LFC % Change	2025 HB 2 HAFc Cmmttee Sub	2025 HB 2 HAFc Over/Under FY 26 LFC Rec	2025 HB 2 HAFc cs Over/Under FY25 OpBud	2025 HB 2 SFC Amended	2025 HB 2 SFC Amended Over/Under FY25 OpBud	Final Percent Increase (Decrease) Over (Under) FY 25 Op Bud
UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO															
Main Campus I&G	264,831.4	273,051.3	270,311.3	272,924.9	8,219.9	5,479.9	3.1%	2.1%	3.1%	272,924.9	0.0	8,093.5	272,924.9	8,093.5	3.1%
Athletics (categorical)	8,467.9	8,467.9	8,467.9	8,467.9	0.0	0.0	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	8,467.9	0.0	0.0	11,467.9	3,000.0	35.4%
Educational television (categorical)	1,325.0	1,325.0	1,325.0	1,325.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1,325.0	0.0	0.0	1,325.0	0.0	0.0%
Main Campus-Tribal education initiatives	1,060.1	1,060.1	1,060.1	1,272.5	0.0	0.0	0.0%	0.0%	20.0%	1,272.5	0.0	212.4	1,272.5	212.4	20.0%
Main Campus-Teacher pipeline initiatives	100.0	275.0	275.0	100.0	175.0	175.0	175.0%	175.0%	0.0%	100.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0%
Gallup Branch-I&G	11,155.4	11,351.5	11,286.1	11,355.7	196.1	130.7	1.8%	1.2%	1.8%	11,355.7	0.0	200.3	11,355.7	200.3	1.8%
Gallup Branch-Tribal education initiatives	102.0	100.0	100.0	102.0	-2.0	-2.0	-2.0%	-2.0%	0.0%	102.0	0.0	0.0	102.0	0.0	0.0%
Los Alamos Branch-I&G	2,417.8	2,465.8	2,449.8	2,460.9	48.0	32.0	2.0%	1.3%	1.8%	2,460.9	0.0	43.1	2,460.9	43.1	1.8%
Valencia Branch-I&G	7,262.6	7,396.7	7,352.0	7,390.4	134.1	89.4	1.8%	1.2%	1.8%	7,390.4	0.0	127.8	7,390.4	127.8	1.8%
Taos Branch-I&G	4,930.3	5,035.6	5,000.5	5,036.4	105.3	70.2	2.1%	1.4%	2.2%	5,036.4	0.0	106.1	5,036.4	106.1	2.2%
Research and Public Service Projects															
Judicial Selection	53.4	53.4	53.4	175.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%	0.0%	227.7%	175.0	0.0	121.6	175.0	121.6	227.7%
Southwest Research Center	831.7	831.7	831.7	831.7	0.0	0.0	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	831.7	0.0	0.0	831.7	0.0	0.0%
Resource Geographic Information System	68.4	68.4	68.4	68.4	0.0	0.0	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	68.4	0.0	0.0	68.4	0.0	0.0%
Southwest Indian Law Clinic	211.9	211.9	211.9	211.9	0.0	0.0	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	211.9	0.0	0.0	211.9	0.0	0.0%
Geospatial and population studies/BBER	400.3	400.3	400.3	400.3	0.0	0.0	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	400.3	0.0	0.0	400.3	0.0	0.0%
Manufacturing engineering program	551.9	551.9	551.9	551.9	0.0	0.0	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	551.9	0.0	0.0	551.9	0.0	0.0%
Wildlife law education	97.8	97.8	97.8	97.8	0.0	0.0	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	97.8	0.0	0.0	97.8	0.0	0.0%
Community-based education	559.6	559.6	559.6	559.6	0.0	0.0	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	559.6	0.0	0.0	559.6	0.0	0.0%
Corinne Wolfe children's law center	167.8	167.8	167.8	167.8	0.0	0.0	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	167.8	0.0	0.0	167.8	0.0	0.0%
Mock trial program and high school forensics	411.6	411.6	411.6	411.6	0.0	0.0	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	411.6	0.0	0.0	411.6	0.0	0.0%
Utton transboundary resources center	440.7	440.7	440.7	440.7	0.0	0.0	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	440.7	0.0	0.0	440.7	0.0	0.0%
Gallup Branch - nurse expansion	803.5	803.5	803.5	803.5	0.0	0.0	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	803.5	0.0	0.0	803.5	0.0	0.0%
Valenca Branch - nurse expansion	427.2	480.0	480.0	427.2	52.8	52.8	12.4%	12.4%	0.0%	427.2	0.0	0.0	427.2	0.0	0.0%
Taos Branch - nurse expansion	884.6	884.6	884.6	884.6	0.0	0.0	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	884.6	0.0	0.0	884.6	0.0	0.0%
University of New Mexico press	467.5	467.5	467.5	467.5	0.0	0.0	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	467.5	0.0	0.0	467.5	0.0	0.0%
New Mexico bioscience authority	325.2	750.0	750.0	325.2	424.8	424.8	130.6%	130.6%	0.0%	325.2	0.0	0.0	325.2	0.0	0.0%
Natural heritage New Mexico database	52.3	52.3	52.3	52.3	0.0	0.0	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	52.3	0.0	0.0	52.3	0.0	0.0%
Border justice initiative	188.2	188.2	188.2	188.2	0.0	0.0	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	188.2	0.0	0.0	188.2	0.0	0.0%
Wild friends program	77.4	77.4	77.4	77.4	0.0	0.0	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	77.4	0.0	0.0	77.4	0.0	0.0%
School of public administration	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0%
Teacher education at branch colleges	60.0	60.0	60.0	60.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	60.0	0.0	0.0	60.0	0.0	0.0%
Office of Substance Use Disorders [NEW]	0.0	4,000.0	4,000.0	0.0	4,000.0	4,000.0	N/A	N/A	N/A	0.0	0.0	N/A	0.0	N/A	N/A
Quantum NM Institute [NEW]	0.0	2,900.0	2,900.0	0.0	2,900.0	2,900.0	N/A	N/A	N/A	0.0	0.0	N/A	0.0	N/A	N/A
UNM-Gallup Community Health Worker Prgm [NEV]	0.0	100.0	100.0	0.0	100.0	100.0	N/A	N/A	N/A	0.0	0.0	N/A	0.0	N/A	N/A
UNM-LA Early Childhood Prgm [NEW]	0.0	200.0	200.0	0.0	200.0	200.0	N/A	N/A	N/A	0.0	0.0	N/A	0.0	N/A	N/A
TOTAL MAIN + BRANCH CAMPUS RECURRING (I&G + RPS)	308,833.5	325,387.5	322,486.3	317,738.3	16,554.0	6,452.8	5.4%	2.1%	2.9%	317,738.3	0.0	8,904.8	320,738.3	11,904.8	3.9%

Table 1B. UNM Health Sciences

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UNM HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER															
Health Sciences Center I&G	89,430.5	92,113.4	91,219.1	93,697.9	2,682.9	1,788.6	3.0%	2.0%	4.8%	93,697.9	0.0	4,267.4	93,697.9	4,267.4	4.8%
Research and Public Service Projects															
ENLACE	976.3	1,250.0	1,250.0	976.3	273.7	273.7	28.0%	28.0%	0.0%	976.3	0.0	0.0	976.3	0.0	0.0%
Graduate medical education/residencies	2,444.1	2,434.6	2,434.6	2,444.1	-9.5	-9.5	-0.4%	-0.4%	0.0%	2,444.1	0.0	0.0	2,444.1	0.0	0.0%
Office of the Medical Investigator	10,624.8	14,000.0	12,000.0	11,374.8	3,375.2	1,375.2	31.8%	12.9%	7.1%	11,374.8	0.0	750.0	11,374.8	750.0	7.1%
Native American suicide prevention	96.6	96.6	96.6	96.6	0.0	0.0	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	96.6	0.0	0.0	96.6	0.0	0.0%
Children's psychiatric hospital	11,356.4	11,356.4	11,356.4	11,356.4	0.0	0.0	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	11,356.4	0.0	0.0	11,356.4	0.0	0.0%
Carrie Tingley hospital	9,011.3	9,011.3	9,011.3	9,011.3	0.0	0.0	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	9,011.3	0.0	0.0	9,011.3	0.0	0.0%
Newborn intensive care	3,523.0	3,523.0	3,523.0	3,523.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	3,523.0	0.0	0.0	3,523.0	0.0	0.0%
Pediatric oncology	1,622.7	1,622.7	1,622.7	1,622.7	0.0	0.0	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1,622.7	0.0	0.0	1,622.7	0.0	0.0%
Poison and drug information center	2,685.9	2,766.5	2,766.5	2,685.9	80.6	80.6	3.0%	3.0%	0.0%	2,685.9	0.0	0.0	2,685.9	0.0	0.0%
Cancer Center	8,159.4	8,159.4	8,159.4	8,159.4	0.0	0.0	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	8,159.4	0.0	0.0	8,159.4	0.0	0.0%
Genomics, biocomputing and env. health rsrch	937.4	937.4	937.4	937.4	0.0	0.0	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	937.4	0.0	0.0	937.4	0.0	0.0%
Trauma specialty education	250.0	250.0	250.0	250.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	250.0	0.0	0.0	250.0	0.0	0.0%
Pediatrics specialty education	250.0	250.0	250.0	250.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	250.0	0.0	0.0	250.0	0.0	0.0%
Native American health center	329.5	329.5	329.5	329.5	0.0	0.0	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	329.5	0.0	0.0	329.5	0.0	0.0%
Nurse expansion	951.6	951.6	951.6	951.6	0.0	0.0	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	951.6	0.0	0.0	951.6	0.0	0.0%
Graduate nurse education	4,824.2	4,824.2	4,824.2	4,824.2	0.0	0.0	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	4,824.2	0.0	0.0	4,824.2	0.0	0.0%
Child abuse evaluation center	160.0	160.0	160.0	160.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	160.0	0.0	0.0	160.0	0.0	0.0%
Hepatitis community health outcomes	9,949.9	9,949.9	9,949.9	9,949.9	0.0	0.0	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	9,949.9	0.0	0.0	9,949.9	0.0	0.0%
Comprehensve movement disorders clinic	423.7	423.7	423.7	423.7	0.0	0.0	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	423.7	0.0	0.0	423.7	0.0	0.0%
Office of the medical investigator grief services	330.8	330.8	330.8	330.8	0.0	0.0	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	330.8	0.0	0.0	330.8	0.0	0.0%
Physicians asst progrm & nurse practitioners	653.0	653.0	653.0	653.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	653.0	0.0	0.0	653.0	0.0	0.0%
Special needs dental	500.0	500.0	500.0	500.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	500.0	0.0	0.0	500.0	0.0	0.0%
Undergraduate nursing education	1,500.0	1,500.0	1,500.0	1,500.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1,500.0	0.0	0.0	1,500.0	0.0	0.0%
Population Health [NEW]	0.0	2,500.0	2,000.0	0.0	2,500.0	2,000.0	N/A	N/A	N/A	0.0	0.0	N/A	0.0	N/A	N/A
TOTAL HSC RECURRING (I&G + RPSPs)	160,991.1	169,894.0	166,499.7	166,008.5	8,902.9	5,508.6	5.5%	3.4%	3.1%	166,008.5	0.0	5,017.4	166,008.5	5,017.4	3.1%
ALL UNM CAMPUSES - TOTAL RECURRING	469,824.6	495,281.5	488,986.0	483,746.8	25,456.9	11,961.4	5.4%	2.5%	3.0%	483,746.8	0.0	13,922.2	486,746.8	16,922.2	3.6%

State appropriators continue to signal reluctance to funding any *new* RPSPs. In this year's HB 2, no new RPSPs were created/funded for UNM. This trend was largely consistent across all institutions of higher education. However, with the help of the Legislature and the Governor, UNM was successful in obtaining funding for several *expansion requests* for existing RPSPs and categorical funds line items.

- Athletics: \$3,000,00 increase
- Main Campus – Tribal Education initiatives: \$212,400 increase
- Judicial Selection: \$121,600 increase
- Office of the Medical Investigator (HSC): \$750,000 increase

The State of New Mexico is currently in the process of completing a study of higher education system financing with a particular eye towards long-term funding sustainability. It has been announced that part of that study will include a detailed review of the RPSP process and how those projects are currently being funded and implemented. It is anticipated that Legislative and Executive policymakers will consider in future years any new and expanded RPSP requests in light of the forthcoming findings of that study expected to be released in the coming months.

The Governor vetoed one new conditional restriction passed by the Legislature applicable to UNM's base budget and categorical funds appropriation, which was language not specifically requested by UNM:

~~*All tenured professors at the school of law shall teach at least one core class per semester.*~~ (p. 142)

Similar to last year, UNM continues to receive \$1.8 million per year from the opioid crisis recovery fund, applicable to the Children's Psychiatric Hospital RPSP (\$1.0 million) and the Hepatitis Community Health Outcomes RPSP (i.e., Project ECHO, for \$800,000). These examples are highlighted here only to note that in rare instances, RPSPs are supported by non-General Fund dollars. See pages 148-150 of [HB 2](#) for details.

The Legislature included new language this year in UNM's recurring appropriations in HB 2 that restricts \$1.5 million of Project ECHO's existing RPSP, directing that portion for behavioral health services and provider training as part of the state's high-priority effort to significantly increase behavioral health care, substance use disorder (SUD) treatment, and associated courts/corrections program capacity. The specific language is as follows:

The general fund appropriation to the hepatitis community health outcomes research and public service project of the university of New Mexico health sciences center includes one million five hundred thousand dollars (\$1,500,000) to facilitate training for behavioral health providers and provide behavioral health services to patients in accordance with the Behavioral Health Reform and Investment Act. (pg. 150)

HB 2, Sec. 4 Additional Details: Higher Education Department Funding Restrictions Applicable to Higher Education Institutions

The New Mexico Higher Education Department (HED) is the funding agency that oversees the vast majority of state funding for higher education institutions, with some exceptions related to contracts and grants from other state agencies (i.e., the New Mexico Health Care Authority, the New Mexico Department of Health, the New Mexico Early Childhood Education and Care Department, the New Mexico Public Education Department, and

others). HED is therefore the regulatory body by which Legislature allocates I&G and RPSP funding to HEIs. [HB 2](#) places several conditional restrictions on that funds flow, including the following:

Regarding common course transferability:

On approval of the higher education department and in consultation with the legislative finance committee, the state budget division of the department of finance and administration may reduce general fund appropriations, up to three percent, to institutions whose lower level common courses are not completely transferrable or accepted among public colleges and universities in New Mexico. (pg. 138)

Regarding “science of reading” and structured literacy:

Upon approval, the higher education department, in consultation with the legislative finance committee, the state budget division of the department of finance and administration, and the public education department, may reduce general fund appropriations, up to fifty percent, to institutions who do not adopt and implement the science of reading and structured literacy instruction techniques to teacher education programs. (pg. 138)

Regarding eligibility to receive state funding from the Opportunity Scholarship Program:

~~Institutions receiving a distribution from the opportunity scholarship program shall obtain from all enrolled in-state students receiving the opportunity scholarship a free application for federal student aid or other institutional income verification form or an attestation from the enrolled student recognizing they may be eligible for additional financial assistance but they choose to forgo consideration for such aid.~~ (pg. 141—this language was vetoed by the Governor)

HB 2, Section 5 and 6: Special Appropriations, Supplemental Appropriations, and Deficiency Appropriations

This section discusses **other appropriations** in [HB 2](#) to UNM or to state agencies that may impact UNM. These appropriations encompass a wide range of projects and programs, are typically nonrecurring, and are bound by a finite performance period for execution/completion. Nonrecurring funds in HB 2 generally fall into three categories: (1) **special appropriations** in **Section 5** are one-time funds for purposes typically outside of the recurring state budget; (2) **supplemental appropriations** in **Section 6** allocate funds to an agency or program for an anticipated shortfall during the current fiscal year; and (3) **deficiency appropriations**, also in **Section 6**, allocate funds to budget shortfalls during a previous fiscal year. Special appropriations occasionally include a mix of General Fund and other state funds, and they may represent new outlays of funding, or else extend the performance period for prior authorized spending.

Regarding current trends in state fiscal policy, the state has experienced sharply increased revenues in recent years, particularly from increased oil production and collections on severance/extraction taxes. These types of revenue increases tend to be cyclic in New Mexico over time. Given the long-term unpredictability of state revenues that remain heavily reliant on oil and gas production and independent externalities such as crude oil price-per-barrel within global markets, appropriators have chosen to favor increases in *non-recurring* budget expenditures this year as compared to *recurring* budget expenditures in recognition that the state’s current high-water mark for state revenues may be subject to downward pressure over time. Special appropriations are the primary budgetary vehicle for the State to make such shorter-term investments. Many

such special appropriations are designed to build economic sustainability by creating new commercial and industrial bases for diversifying the state's major revenue streams. This year's HB 2 demonstrated such intentionality with its significant expansion of non-recurring appropriations, most notably to the state's Economic Development Department, to whom UNM serves as a strong community partner.

Special appropriations in HB 2 directly to UNM include the following non-recurring appropriations:

- \$1.0 million for the Bioscience Authority
- \$2.5 million for the Center for Native American Health
- \$2.5 million for the College of Population Health
- \$1.0 million as a one-time supplement the Hepatitis Community Health Outcomes RPSP (i.e. Project ECHO)
- \$400,000 to the UNM-Gallup branch campus (for a law enforcement academy pilot)
- \$200,000 to the HSC Learning and Working Environment Office
- \$150,000 for legal education financial aid
- **\$1.8 million for a behavioral health technical assistance center** (see further explanation below)
- \$2.0 million to HSC in conjunction with the NM Department of Health for behavioral health outreach initiatives
- \$2.0 million to the Native American Studies Department
- \$500,000 for an online native language program
- \$500,000 for psychedelic assisted therapy research
- \$1.8 million for the Quantum NM Institute
- \$2.0 million to HSC for medical resident pay
- \$1.0 million to UNM-Taos for a telescope and observatory

None of UNM's special appropriation line items in HB 2 were vetoed by the Governor.

Important language details regarding the above UNM special appropriation line items appear in [HB 2](#), pages 232-234. Some of these language details provide further direction on legislative intent in terms of funding recipient, funding purpose, and performance period for UNM executing the implementation of the funding.

Also important is some language regarding performance around student retention initiatives that will now be tied to future allocations of funding for higher education institutions. See, for example, item #31 on page 32 of this report.

Even though *new* RPSP requests were not successful in the 2025 Session, UNM did receive specific encouragement from the Legislature to submit a request for a *recurring* appropriation this upcoming interim in the form of a new RPSP to try to provide funding long-term for the behavioral health technical assistance center highlighted in boldface above. Such as request would be applicable to the 2026 Legislative Session, potentially funding this same line item on a recurring basis starting in FY27 if agreed to by the Legislature and the Executive.

A full report on this year's special appropriations contained in HB 2, focused on items most relevant to UNM's interests, may be found in **Appendix A** of this report. Appendix A includes this selective listing, organized by state agency, and further categorized according to some recurring themes for special appropriations this year that were particularly aligned with UNM's priorities, including the following:

- Behavioral health, substance use disorders, homeless populations, & criminal competency related
- Quantum (and associated R&D) related
- Energy transitions & water related
- Federal grant matching funds related
- Education & education workforce pipeline related

HB 2, Section 8: Compensation

- [HB 2](#) (pages 251-254) included funding for a 4% compensation increase for state employees, plus an additional offset for increased costs due to escalating medical insurance premiums paid by employers, including the following language details along with these actual appropriation amounts:
 - *A. Ninety-six million one hundred forty-three thousand one hundred dollars **(\$96,143,100)** is appropriated from the general fund to the department of finance and administration for fiscal year 2026 to pay all costs attributable to the general fund of providing ~~an average~~ salary increase of four percent to employees in budgeted positions who have completed their probationary period subject to satisfactory job performance. The salary increases shall be effective the first full pay period after July 1, 2025, and distributed as follows: (...)*
 - (4) forty-four million nine hundred eighty thousand six hundred dollars **(\$44,980,600)** to the higher education department for nonstudent faculty and staff of two-year and four-year public postsecondary educational institutions; (...)*
 - *D. Three million eight hundred fifty-seven thousand two hundred dollars **(\$3,857,200)** is appropriated from the general fund to the higher education department in fiscal year 2026 for distribution to two-year and four-year public postsecondary educational institutions, the New Mexico military institute, New Mexico school for the blind and visually impaired and New Mexico school for the deaf for the employer share of medical insurance rate increases in fiscal year 2026. (...)*
 - *H. For those state employees whose salaries are referenced in or received as a result of nongeneral fund appropriations in the General Appropriation Act of 2025, the department of finance and administration shall transfer from the appropriate fund to the appropriate agency the amount required for the salary increases equivalent to those provided for in this section. Such amounts are appropriated for expenditure in fiscal year 2026. Any unexpended balances remaining at the end of fiscal year 2026 shall revert to the appropriate fund.*

The above strikethrough language in Subsection A reflects a gubernatorial partial veto to this portion of the language.

The state's executive branch will be distributing compensation funding to higher education institutions by formula, as in previous years. Assumptions that underlie the above legislative appropriations to the state's higher education employees include a calculation that the funding provided to each institution will be sufficient to cover 80% of the cost increases attributable to faculty and staff compensation increases, as specifically applied to I&G funded positions.

HB 2, Section 9: Government Results and Opportunity Expendable Trust (GRO), Subsections A, B, and C: Other Special Appropriations

[HB 2](#), Section 9, Subsections A, B, and C, includes a number of other non-recurring appropriations (i.e., “special appropriations”) supporting specific state agencies and higher education institutions, beyond those aforementioned non-recurring appropriations to projects and programs outlined in Sections 5 and 6. Each is generally designed to fund pilot projects whose results will be considered for possible inclusion in future iterations of the General Appropriations Act as an item worthy of recurring funding.

Similar to other appropriations in HB 2, Sec. 9 appropriations are governed by specific language related to (1) amount of appropriation; (2) source of the appropriation; (3) recipient of the appropriation; (4) intended purpose of the appropriation; and (5) performance period (i.e., time duration) of the appropriation.

Notably, in the 2025 Legislative Session, the Legislature did not replicate last year’s “GRO” public solicitation for proposals from individual state agencies down to the level of higher education institutions. Last year’s process was intended to replace, and provide additional structure to, what has been traditionally referred to as the “Junior Bill” whose purpose was to provide nonrecurring funding for specific programmatic purposes as identified by individual legislators representing district constituents and concerns. Last year’s GRO appropriations that were requested by individual legislators were generally appropriated for a two-year time span, meaning for FY25 and FY26. It remains to be seen if the Legislature will open up the discretionary request process in the next legislative session down to the individual legislator level (for FY27 and beyond).

In this year’s report, we have included a listing of those Section 9 special appropriations most relevant to UNM in Appendix A.

HB 2, Section 10: Fund Transfers

For state government funds that have been statutorily created and authorized for agency-directed spending on specific purposes, HB 2 creates annual opportunities for those fund balances to be replenished, increased, or decreased, based on the will of state appropriators. This year, several such fund transfers were particularly noteworthy: the New Mexico Match Fund (+ \$72 million), the Water Project Fund (+ \$200 million), and the Strategic Water Supply Fund (+ \$40 million). Details of these fund transfers may be found on the final page of Appendix A.

Capital Outlay Bills: HB 450 and SB 425

During regular sessions occurring in odd-numbered calendar years, the Legislature and Governor usually consider **two stand-alone capital bills**, each of them focused on nonrecurring appropriations supporting construction of physical infrastructure, buildings, and facilities.

First, the Capital Outlay Projects bill ([HB 450](#)) contains two types of appropriations: “statewide framework” and “individual policymaker” allocations. Before the Governor’s line-item vetoes, HB 450 included 33 projects for UNM that will be funded this cycle by non-recurring General Fund allocations and 2 projects that will be funded by Severance Tax Bond allocations. After the Governor’s line-item vetoes, HB 450 included, in total, 30 projects totaling approximately \$125 million for UNM Central Campus, HSC, and branches.

Table 2. Statewide Capital Outlay Summary of HB 450 Appropriations (in thousands)

		FY 26 Request	HB 450
1	UNM Central Campus		
2	Humanities & Social Sciences Complex	\$59,000.0	\$40,000.0
3	Title IX Improvements	\$18,500.0	-
4	Integrated Computing, Education, Research & Data Center	\$17,200.0	-
5	NM Law Center Renovation	\$16,051.0	-
6	Police Department Headquarters	\$8,000.0	-
7	University Stadium Facility Improvement	\$15,000.0	\$11,000.0
8	UNM Central Campus Totals	\$133,751.0	\$51,000.0
9	UNM Health Sciences Center		
10	School of Medicine (Fitz Hall) New Facility Plan & Design	\$37,000.0	\$30,000.0
11	College of Pharmacy Renovation Phase 2	\$28,500.0	\$25,000.0
12	Domenici Hall MRI	\$2,800.0	-
13	Simulation & Research Equipment	\$1,350.0	-
14	Northern New Mexico Reproductive Health Clinic	-	\$10,000.0
15	UNM Health Sciences Center Totals	\$69,650.0	\$65,000.0
	UNM Branch Campuses		
16	UNM-Gallup Campuswide Facilities Repair & Renewal	\$1,125.0	\$1,000.0
17	UNM-Los Alamos Student Services Center Renovation	\$2,700.0	-
18	UNM-Los Alamos Open Space Design & Upgrade Phase 2	\$2,250.0	\$1,000.0
19	UNM-Taos Observatory & Space STEM Center Supplemental	\$12,855.6	-
20	UNM-Taos Workforce Center	\$6,250.0	\$650.0
21	UNM-Valencia Workforce Training Center Classroom Modifications	\$3,500.0	-
22	UNM Statewide Framework Capital Request TOTAL	\$232,081.6	\$118,650.0

Note: HB 2 includes \$40M for HED building renewal and replacement (BR&R) statewide and \$3M for HED equipment renewal and replacement (ER&R) statewide to support facilities-related efforts at higher education institutions.

Table 3. Individual Policymaker Capital Outlay HB 450 Appropriations (in thousands)

*Note: language with strikethrough indicates a Governor's line-item veto

	Title	Description	HB 450
1	Athletic Facility Improvements	To plan, design, construct, purchase, equip and improve athletic facilities at the university of New Mexico in Albuquerque in Bernalillo County	\$50.0
2	Campus Accessibility & Safety Improvements	To plan, design, construct, purchase, repair, equip and improve accessibility and safety features at the university of New Mexico in Albuquerque in Bernalillo County	\$200.0
3	Campus Parking Construction	To plan, design, construct, purchase, equip, and improve parking lots at the university of New Mexico in Albuquerque in Bernalillo County	\$2,000.0
4	Campus Security Upgrade	To plan, design, construct, repair, purchase, equip, install, and improve the alarm system at the university of New Mexico in Albuquerque in Bernalillo County	\$250.0
5	Collaborative Arts Building Equipment Purchase	To plan, design, construct, purchase, furnish, equip and improve the center for collaborative arts and technology at the university of New Mexico in Albuquerque in Bernalillo County	\$100.0
6	Computer Lab Equipment Purchase	To purchase, equip and install information technology and related infrastructure and equipment at the student computer laboratories at the university of New Mexico in Albuquerque in Bernalillo County	\$100.0
7	Center for High Tech Materials Lab Renovation	To plan, design, construct, purchase, repair, renovate, furnish and equip the center for high technology materials, including the quantum materials and technologies laboratories, at the university of New Mexico in Albuquerque in Bernalillo County	\$183.3
8	Heritage Preservation Plan	To plan and design historic structure and heritage preservation zones at the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque in Bernalillo County	\$50.0
9	Johnson Center and Natatorium Plan	To plan and design improvements for the Johnson center and natatorium at the university of New Mexico in Albuquerque. in Bernalillo County	\$100.0
10	Johnson Field Improvements	To plan, design, construct, repair, equip and improve Johnson Field, including irrigation systems, grading and sod, at the university of New Mexico in Albuquerque in Bernalillo County	\$50.0
11	KNME Relocation Plan	to plan, design, improve and relocate the KNME studios at the university of New Mexico Centennial science and engineering library in Albuquerque in Bernalillo County	\$425.0
12	Lectern Equipment Purchase	To purchase, equip and install accessible lecterns for Mitchell Hall and for Classrooms at the university of New Mexico in Albuquerque in Bernalillo County	\$50.0
13	McKinnon Tennis Court Improvements	To plan, design, construct purchase, equip and improve the McKinnon tennis courts at the university of New Mexico in Albuquerque in Bernalillo County	\$1,750.0
14	Popejoy Facility Improvements	to plan, design, construct, repair, purchase, furnish, equip and improve facilities at Popejoy hall at the university of New Mexico in Albuquerque in Bernalillo County	\$10.0
15	School of Architecture & Planning Security Improvements	to purchase, equip and install safety and security improvements at George Pearl hall at the school of architecture and planning at the university of New Mexico in Albuquerque in Bernalillo County	\$10.0
16	SUB Solar Construction	to plan, design, construct, purchase, equip and install solar panels at the student union building at the university of New Mexico in Albuquerque in Bernalillo County	\$125.0
17	Tow Diehm Building Construction	to plan, design, construct, purchase and equip the training and health center in the Tow Diehm athletics facility at the university of New Mexico in Albuquerque in Bernalillo County	\$50.0
18	Video Board Improvements	to plan, design, construct, equip and install video boards at athletic venues at the university of New Mexico in Albuquerque in Bernalillo County	\$135.0

19	UNM-Los Alamos Student Services Bldg. 1 Renovation	to plan, design, construct, furnish, equip and renovate student services center building 1 at the Los Alamos branch campus of the university of New Mexico in Albuquerque in Los Alamos County	\$300.0
20	UNM-Gallup Career Technology Education Equipment Purchase	to purchase equipment for the career and technical education program, including welding and automotive technology, at the Gallup branch campus of the university of New Mexico in Albuquerque in McKinley County	\$300.0
21	UNM-Gallup Center for Career & Technology Education Equipment	to plan, design, construct, furnish, purchase and equip the center for the career and technology education classrooms at the Gallup branch campus of the university of New Mexico in Albuquerque in McKinley County	\$175.0
22	UNM-Taos Campus Security Gates Improvements	To purchase, equip and install security gates at the Taos branch campus of the university of New Mexico in Taos county	\$40.0
23	UNM-Taos Children's Campus Improvements	To plan, design, construct, equip and improve the children's playground at the Taos branch campus of the university of New Mexico in Taos county	\$25.0
24	UNM-Taos Harwood Museum Security Improvements	To plan, design, construct, purchase, furnish, equip and install safety and security improvements at the Harwood museum at the Taos branch campus of the university of New Mexico in Taos county	\$615.0
25	UNM-Taos Kids Campus Accessibility Improvements	To plan, design, construct, repair, improve and equip accessible egress and pathways at the Taos branch campus of the university of New Mexico in Taos county	\$55.0
26	UNM-Valencia Automotive Classroom Renovation	To plan, design, construct, purchase, renovate, furnish and equip a facility for the automotive program at the Valencia branch campus of the university of New Mexico in Valencia County	\$150.0
27	UNM-Valencia Welding Classroom Renovation	To plan, design, construct, purchase, renovate, furnish and equip a facility for a welding program at the Valencia branch campus of the university of New Mexico in Valencia County	\$100.0
	Individual Capital Outlay TOTAL		\$6,978.3

Second, the Capital Outlay Reauthorizations bill ([SB 425](#)) includes changes to capital appropriations made in prior years. Reauthorizations may include policy changes amending the project's purpose, extending the reversion date, or modifying the agency (i.e., fiscal agent) charged with overseeing the funds. The Capital Outlay Reauthorization bill ([SB 425](#)), as adopted and signed, includes 8 UNM projects across Central Campus, branch campuses, HSC, and Athletics. One UNM project was line-item vetoed by the Governor.

Table 4. SB 425: Capital Outlay Reauthorizations (in thousands)

*Please note, any language with strikethrough indicates a governor's line-item veto

Reauthorization Description	Bill Language	SFC/SB 425
Football Practice Field Improvement, Renovation to include the Softball Practice Field	"The university of New Mexico project in Subsection 11 of Section 40 of Chapter 66 of Laws 2024 to plan, design, construct, repair, equip, furnish and renovate the indoor football practice field at the university of New Mexico in Albuquerque in Bernalillo county may include planning, designing, constructing, repairing, equipping, furnishing and renovating the softball practice field at the university of New Mexico."	Expansion of Purpose

Maxwell Museum Renovation Time Extension	<i>"The time of expenditure for the university of New Mexico project in Subsection 13 of Section 41 of Chapter 138 of Laws 2021 to plan, design, purchase, equip, renovate and improve the Maxwell museum at the university of New Mexico in Albuquerque in Bernalillo county is extended through fiscal year 2027."</i>	Extension of Time
North Golf Course Club House Improvements	<i>"The unexpended balance of the appropriation to the board of regents of the university of New Mexico in Subsection 19 of Section 40 of Chapter 66 of Laws 2024 to plan, design, construct, repair and replace the roof of the north golf course club house at the university of New Mexico in Albuquerque in Bernalillo county shall not be expended for the original purpose but is changed to plan, design, construct, repair, furnish, equip and improve the north golf course club house at the university of New Mexico in Albuquerque in Bernalillo county."</i>	Change of Purpose
Sleep Pods Installation	<i>"The unexpended balance of the appropriation to the board of regents of the university of New Mexico in Subsection 23 of Section 40 of Chapter 66 of Laws 2024 to plan, design, construct, equip and install sleep pods at Zimmerman library at the university of New Mexico in Albuquerque in Bernalillo county shall not be expended for the original purpose but is changed to plan, design, construct, equip and install sleep pods at the university of New Mexico."</i>	Expansion of Purpose
UNM-Los Alamos Building 2 and Building 3 Roof Replacement	<i>"The unexpended balance of the appropriation to the board of regents of the university of New Mexico in Subsection 27 of Section 40 of Chapter 66 of Laws 2024 to plan, design, construct, repair, renovate and replace the roof on building 2 at the Los Alamos branch campus of the university of New Mexico in Los Alamos county shall not be expended for the original purpose but is changed to plan, design, construct, repair, renovate and replace the roofs on building 2 and building 3 at the Los Alamos branch campus of the university of New Mexico in Los Alamos county."</i>	Change of Purpose
UNM-Gallup Career Technology and Education Center and Construction Technology Building Renovation	<i>"The unexpended balance of the appropriation to the board of regents of the university of New Mexico in Subsection 32 of Section 40 of Chapter 199 of Laws 2023 to plan, design, construct and equip renovations to</i> <i>the center for career technology and education at the Gallup branch campus of the university of New Mexico in McKinley county shall not be expended for the original purpose but is changed to plan, design, construct, renovate, furnish and equip a center for career technology and education and a construction technology building at the Gallup branch campus of the university of New Mexico in McKinley county."</i>	Change of Purpose
UNM-Gallup Infrastructure Repair and Improvement	<i>"The time of expenditure for the university of New Mexico project in Subsection 22 of Section 41 of Chapter 138 of Laws 2021 to plan, design, construct, improve, repair and equip infrastructure campuswide, including fire suppression and elevator upgrades, at the Gallup campus of the university of New Mexico in McKinley county is extended through fiscal year 2027."</i>	Extension of Time
Health Sciences Center Simulations Laboratory Improvement	<i>"The time of expenditure for the university of New Mexico project in Subsection 23 of Section 41 of Chapter 138 of Laws 2021 to plan, design, construct, renovate, improve, purchase and install information technology and equipment for simulations laboratories at the university of New Mexico in Albuquerque in Bernalillo county and in Rio Rancho in Sandoval county is extended through fiscal year 2027."</i>	Extension of Time

UNM-Taos Harwood Museum Facility Infrastructure Construction	<i>"The unexpended balance of the appropriation to the board of regents of the university of New Mexico in Subsection 31 of Section 40 of Chapter 66 of Laws 2024 to plan, design, construct, renovate, purchase, install and equip infrastructure, including accessibility improvements, at the Harwood museum at the Taos branch campus of the university of New Mexico in Taos county shall not be expended for the original purpose but is changed to plan, design, construct, renovate, purchase, install and equip infrastructure, including accessibility improvements, at multiple Harwood museum facilities at the Taos branch campus of the university of New Mexico in Taos county."</i>	Change of Purpose
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Other Substantive Legislation

During 60-day legislative sessions in New Mexico, all public policy changes are eligible for consideration, as opposed to 30-day sessions that tend to be restricted to state budgetary matters or policy matters receiving special dispensation from the governor. The 2025 60-day legislative session revealed a short list of recurring public policy themes applicable to constituent concerns across the state, including *but not limited to* the following topics directly relevant to UNM's leadership roles:

- Behavioral health, including strong emphasis on substance use disorder prevention and treatment
- Public safety and related courts/corrections issues
- Health care delivery and health care financing
- Child well-being and child endangerment
- Student success and achievement throughout all levels of the public education system
 - Heightened emphasis on reading and math literacy
 - Heightened emphasis on bilingual education
- Workforce development, including particular emphasis on increasing the number of available educators, health care providers, economic sector experts, and state employees
 - Significantly heightened interest in medical provider interstate compacts
 - Significantly heightened interest in undergraduate and graduate medical education
- Economic diversification and rural development, including technology research and development
 - Emphasis on quantum technologies
 - Emphasis on advanced energy development
- Water resource cultivation and preservation
- Cultural preservation and protection
- Artificial intelligence
- Public records and personal information privacy/protections
- Taxation-related legislation
- Higher education, including scholarship programs and student support services
- Public education (K-12) and higher education coordination and continuity
- State financial reserves, particularly in anticipation of expected reductions in federal funding flowing to the state

Below, we provide a synopsis of four bills whose adoption and/or implementation are in some way particularly relevant to UNM's interests:

- (1) [SB 1](#) (Behavioral Health Trust Fund) and [SB 3](#) (Behavioral Health Reform and Investment Act) were the two key components within a package of bills (including [SB 2](#), also) that received highest priority consideration by both legislative chambers and the Governor during the session, and were expedited for final passage during the first half of this year’s legislative session. The Governor signed SB 1 and SB 3. SB 2 was not ultimately passed by the Legislature only because the bill contained a long list of targeted behavioral health appropriations that were folded into HB 2, as is customary for the Legislature to do with stand-alone appropriations bills of this sort.
- (2) [HB 14](#) (Earned Income Tax Credit) was passed by the Legislature but ultimately vetoed by the Governor. The omnibus tax package, as introduced, attempted to provide for a short list of priority tax breaks and tax credits for both individual taxpayers, disaster relief efforts, and for targeted economic sectors. The revenue offsets originally proposed in the bill consisted of a revenue-positive restructuring of oil and gas extraction taxes combined with an increase on beer, wine and alcohol taxes. Late in the session, the all-important oil and gas tax increase portion of the bill was struck, meaning the bill’s overall magnitude as a tax expenditure had to be downsized significantly. Collateral damage of that downsizing decision were two large tax credits for quantum technology testing and development. Both were eliminated along with other tax reductions and credits more peripheral to UNM’s interests.
- (3) [HB 449](#) (Higher Education Major Projects Fund) was passed by the Legislature but ultimately pocket vetoed by the Governor. The bill sought to establish a new fund source and associated new capital outlay proposal process, including series of matching fund requirements, for major (i.e., high dollar) capital outlay projects at New Mexico higher education institutions. UNM will continue to join with our community partners in exploring new proposed policies and financial structures within state government that could support major construction projects, particularly of the sort that help higher education institutions keep pace with emerging education, workforce development, and health care delivery needs of our state’s population while also seeking to take pressure off the state’s biennial General Obligation Bond process and its associated capacity limitations.
- (4) [SB 88](#) (Medicaid Trust Fund and State Supported Fund) establishes a fund intended to collect state agency reversions, unexpended/unencumbered balances from prior year general appropriation acts, and interest earnings on state treasury balances, until the fund eventually reaches \$2 billion. The fund would be used to support shortfalls in the state’s Medicaid budget, particularly as are currently envisioned to result from federal budget cuts. Additionally, the Medicaid trust fund would receive all reversions from general fund capital outlay appropriations made between 2021-2024 that have not already reverted to the general fund before the bill’s effective date.

Summary of Legislative and Executive Actions

During the 2025 State Legislative Session, 1328 pieces of legislation were introduced, and the Office of Government and Community Relations tracked more than 300 bills, memorials, and resolutions related to the University and community partners. By the end of the session, 195 bills were passed by the Legislature and sent to the Governor for consideration. Of those, the Governor rendered the following actions:

- 160 bills were signed (some included partial—often referred to as “line-item”—vetoes)
- 18 were vetoed
- 17 were pocket vetoed
- 102 legislative memorials were introduced, 51 passed or were signed; 44 resolutions were introduced, 1 passed.

Below is a summary of legislation, including appropriations bills and non-appropriation-related bills, most relevant to UNM and passed by both chambers of the legislature. Please use the link in the “Bill #” column to

access that piece of legislation's webpage for more information. Final actions noted here include the governor's signature (S), governor's veto (V), pocket veto (Pocket V), partial veto (Partial V), and passage (P) for memorials that do not require a final action by the governor.

Table 5. Legislation enacted or vetoed during the 2025 State Legislative Session, most relevant to UNM

Bill #	Short Bill Title	Final Action
HB 2	General Appropriation Act of 2025	S / Partial V
HB 8	Criminal Competency & Treatment	S
HB 14	Earned Income Tax Credit	V
HB 20	Technology & Innovation Division	S
HB 24	Community Governance Attorneys Changes	S
HB 64	Expand Post-Secondary Tuition Eligibility	Pocket V
HB 66	Workers' Compensation Changes	S
HB 69	Loan Forgiveness Multiplier Act	S
HB 78	Prohibit Discrimination Against 340B Entities	S
HB 89	Graduate Scholarship Act Changes	S
HB 117	Death Certificate by Physician Assistant	S
HB 137	Strategic Water Supply Act	S
HB 143	Lobbying Activity Reports	V
HB 156	Increase Educational Salaries	S
HB 167	Higher Ed. Payment for Certain Tests	S
HB 340	DNA of Certain Offenders in Codis	S
HB 433	Study Career & Tech Education	V
HB 449	Higher Education Major Projects Fund	Pocket V
HB 450	Capital Outlay Projects	S/Partial V
HB 487	Protection of Hispanic Education	S
HB 586	Public Peace, Health, Safety & Welfare: Review of Certain Healthcare Transactions	S
HJR 2	Eliminate Pocket Vetoes (constitutional amendment; subject now to a popular vote in the next statewide general election)	P
HM 2	LESC Artificial Intelligence Work Group	P

HM 31	Citizen Science Day	P
HM 32	Study Means of Teacher Advancement	P
HM 34	Study Domestic Violence Service Gaps	P
HM 43	Hispanic & Bilingual Education Programs	P
HM 53	Alzheimer's Disease Research & Funding	P
SB 1	Behavioral Health Trust Fund	S
SB 3	Behavioral Health Reform & Investment Act	S
SB 19	Boards of Regents Training Requirements	S
SB 39	Add Classes to Prior Authorization Drugs	S
SB 57	Medical Provider Patient IPRA Info	S
SB 59	Public Works Minimum Wage Definitions	S
SB 75	Educational Retirement Changes	S
SB 88	Medicaid Trust Fund & State Supported Fund	S
SB 120	No Behavioral Health Cost Sharing	S
SB 219	Medical Psilocybin Act	S
SB 220	Publication of Legal Settlement Terms	V
SB 252	Social Work Telehealth Services	S
SB 274	Board of Finance Approval for Land Sales	S
SB 376	State Employee Health Benefit Contributions	S
SB 425	Capital Outlay Reauthorizations	S/Partial V
SB 480	Student Graduation Reporting	Pocket V
SB 495	Higher Education Radio	Pocket V
SM 9	Continue & Improve 520 Language	P

Appendix A

Non-Recurring Appropriations: Line Items Most Immediately Relevant to UNM (2025 HB 2, SFC version) ¹								
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(1)	Legislative Finance Committee (p. 184)	To implement audit and evaluation requirements of the Behavioral Health Reform and Investment Act in fiscal year 2026. Any unexpended balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2026 shall not revert to the general fund and may be expended through fiscal year 2027.	\$1,000.0	X				
(5)	Administrative Office of the Courts (p. 184)	The period of time for expending the three million dollars (\$3,000,000) appropriated from the general fund in Section 3 of Chapter 1 of Laws 2024 to fund assisted outpatient treatment programs and competency diversion pilot programs is extended through fiscal year 2026.	N/A	X				
(9)	Administrative Office of the Courts (p. 185)	For court-appointed special advocates statewide for expenditure through fiscal year 2027.	\$1,500.0	X				
(14)	Administrative Office of the Courts (p. 186)	For expenditure in fiscal years 2025 through 2029 for regional planning and sequential intercept mapping statewide, including costs associated with monitoring, quality assurance and setting statewide standards related to relevant elements within regional plans in accordance with the Behavioral Health Reform and Investment Act. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2029 shall revert to the behavioral health trust fund.	\$1,700.0	X				
(28)	Attorney General (p. 189)	For start-up costs associated with the office of child advocate, including hotline and case management systems, contingent on enactment of House Bill 5 or similar legislation of the first session of the fifty-seventh legislature creating the office of child advocate.	\$1,000.0	X				
(37)	Department of Finance & Administration (p. 190)	To the local government division for grants to local governments to support a direct-to-housing encampment response, with streamlined housing placements, on-campsite services from outreach workers, housing navigators and case managers, ongoing closed-campsite maintenance and an intensive focus on closure and cleaning of campsites.	\$5,000.0	X				
(40)	Department of Finance & Administration (p. 191)	To support housing, affordable housing, transitional housing and the expansion of housing services providers that facilitate behavioral health services and substance abuse recovery, homelessness assistance and prevention for persons with behavioral health needs, for expenditure in fiscal year 2026, including up to eighty million dollars (\$80,000,000) for programs in the city of Albuquerque and Bernalillo county to be shared equally and ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) for programs in the city of Las Cruces and Dona Ana county.	\$110,000.0	X				
(41)	Department of Finance & Administration (p. 191)	For housing assistance personnel and programs.	\$2,000.0	X				

¹ This spreadsheet does not include capital outlay appropriations; those types of appropriations are contained in other stand-alone bills.

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(42)	Department of Finance & Administration (p. 191)	<i>For consulting and strategic planning to support innovative models to end homelessness.</i>	\$2,000.0	X				
(65)	Dept of Information Technology (p. 196)	<i>For cybersecurity initiatives, including initiatives for public schools and institutions of higher education, to govern, identify, protect, detect, respond and recover including cybersecurity insurance coverage and subscriptions for the state. The general fund appropriation includes up to seven million five hundred thousand dollars (\$7,500,000) for the consortium of higher education institutions statewide and shall not be used for administrative overhead expenses.</i>	\$20,000.0 (\$7,500.0 specific to higher education institutions)					X
(66)	Dept of Information Technology (p. 196)	<i>The period of time for expending the five million five hundred thousand dollars (\$5,500,000) appropriated from the general fund in Subsection 61 of Section 5 of Chapter 69 of Laws 2024 for cybersecurity initiatives including public education and higher education is extended through fiscal year 2026.</i>	N/A					X
(82)	Econ Dev Dept (p. 198)	<i>To assist in diversifying and promoting the state's economy by fostering economic development opportunities unrelated to fossil fuel development or use and prioritizing projects from target industries for expenditure in fiscal years 2026 through 2028, contingent on enactment of Senate Bill 48 or similar legislation of the first session of the fifty-seventh legislature creating the community benefit fund. The other state funds appropriation is from the community benefit fund.</i>	\$7,800.0 (other state funds)			X		
(84)	Econ Dev Dept (p. 199)	<i>For operational support for entrepreneurship incubators, accelerators and venture studios for expenditure in fiscal year 2026, including ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) for quantum venture studios.</i>	\$15,000.0		X			
(87)	Econ Dev Dept (p. 199)	<i>To establish a research, development and deployment fund in fiscal year 2026, contingent on enactment of House Bill 20 or similar legislation of the first session of the fifty-seventh legislature creating a research and development fund to offer matching grants for federal research funding.</i>	\$40,000.0		X	X	X	
(89)	Econ Dev Dept (p. 200)	<i>For physical economic development infrastructure for expenditure in fiscal year 2026, including five million dollars (\$5,000,000) for innovation hubs and ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) for quantum space.</i>	\$15,000.0		X			
(90)	Econ Dev Dept (p. 200)	<i>For talent recruitment and retention in the public and private sectors focused on emerging high-yield and high-tech fields for expenditure in fiscal year 2026.</i>	\$10,800.0		X	X		
(91)	Econ Dev Dept (p. 200)	<i>For the New Mexico advanced energy award pilot program in fiscal year 2026.</i>	\$8,000.0			X		

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(92)	Econ Dev Dept (p. 200)	<i>For site characterization and predevelopment assessment with eight million dollars (\$8,000,000) for expenditure in fiscal year 2026, eight million dollars (\$8,000,000) for expenditure in fiscal year 2027 and eight million dollars (\$8,000,000) for expenditure in fiscal year 2028 contingent on enactment of Senate Bill 169 or similar legislation of the first session of the fifty-seventh legislature creating a framework for assessing potential economic development sites to determine the improvements needed for economic development purposes.</i>	\$24,000.0		X	X		
(93)	Econ Dev Dept (p. 200)	<i>For science and technology business startup grants.</i>	\$4,000.0		X	X		
(94)	Econ Dev Dept (p. 200)	<i>To the trade ports development fund in fiscal year 2026, contingent on enactment of House Bill 19 or similar legislation of the first session of the fifty-seventh legislature creating the fund.</i>	\$50,000.0		X	X		
(116)	Energy, Minerals and Nat Resources Dept (p. 203)	<i>For the state supplemental land and water conservation fund.</i>	\$8,000.0			X		
(120)	Energy, Minerals and Nat Resources Dept (p. 204)	<i>To provide competitive grants to entities to develop or enhance energy efficiency technology, renewable energy technology, batteries and other systems capable of retaining, storing and delivering energy by chemical, thermal, mechanical or other means and any interconnection equipment required to safely interconnect these systems with the electric grid for expenditure in fiscal years 2026 through 2028, contingent on the passage of Senate Bill 48 or similar legislation of the first session of the fifty-seventh legislature creating the fund. The other state funds appropriation is from the community benefit fund.</i>	\$20,000.0 (other state funds)			X		
(123)	Energy, Minerals and Nat Resources Dept (p. 205)	<i>To the geothermal projects development fund to advance geothermal projects in New Mexico and to expand state-level investment in geothermal projects for expenditure in fiscal year 2026.</i>	\$10,000.0			X		
(124)	Energy, Minerals and Nat Resources Dept (p. 205)	<i>For purposes authorized under the innovation in state government fund for expenditure in fiscal years 2026 and 2027, contingent on enactment of Senate Bill 83 or similar legislation of the first session of the fifty-seventh legislature creating the fund. The other state funds appropriation is from the innovation in state government fund.</i>	\$2,500.0 (other state funds)			X		

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(149)	Health Care Authority (p. 210)	<i>To deliver services and for grants to federally qualified health centers, counties and municipalities, Indian nations, tribes and pueblos and behavioral health care providers based on the submitted regional plans for twenty-four-hour crisis response facilities, associated services and technical assistance support for expenditure in fiscal years 2026 through 2029 pursuant to the Behavioral Health Reform and Investment Act. Funding may be used to cover service, logistic and lease costs not eligible for medicaid funding on a multiyear basis. Any unexpended balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2029 shall revert to the behavioral health trust fund.</i>	\$7,500.0	X				
(150)	Health Care Authority (p. 210)	<i>For grants to counties, municipalities and behavioral health care providers based on the submitted regional plans for regional transitional behavioral health facilities and certified community behavioral health clinics that are located in a municipality with a state institution of higher education and remain eligible for medicaid for expenditure in fiscal years 2026 through 2029. Funding may be used to cover service, transportation and lease costs, including community-based services and supports. Not more than five million dollars (\$5,000,000) may be used to establish or expand behavioral health investment zones based on epidemiological data and other source data that identify the combined incidence of mortality related to alcohol use, drug overdose and suicide and on any other behavioral health data deemed necessary. Any unexpended balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2029 shall revert to the behavioral health trust fund.</i>	\$28,000.0	X				
(151)	Health Care Authority (p. 211)	<i>To initiate the planning, coordination and implementation of behavioral health standards in fiscal year 2025 pursuant to the Behavioral Health Reform and Investment Act. Any unexpended balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2025 shall revert to the behavioral health trust fund.</i>	\$200.0	X				
(152)	Health Care Authority (p. 211)	<i>For grants to counties, municipalities, Indian nations, tribes and pueblos and behavioral health providers based on the submitted regional plans for assisted outpatient treatment, medication assisted treatment including for juveniles, assertive community treatment, other best-practice and evidence-informed outpatient and diversion services, promising practices and community-based wraparound services and resources pursuant to the Behavioral Health Reform and Investment Act for expenditure in fiscal years 2026 through 2029. Any unexpended balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2029 shall revert to the behavioral health trust fund.</i>	\$10,000.0	X				
(153)	Health Care Authority (p. 211)	<i>For behavioral health funding priorities identified in regional plans pursuant to the Behavioral Health Investment and Reform Act. The fiscal year 2026 appropriation shall be eligible for expenditure in fiscal year 2027.</i>	\$50,000.0	X				
(155)	Health Care Authority (p. 211)	<i>For capacity building for the criminal justice medicaid waiver initiative.</i>	\$4,973.4	X				

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(156)	Health Care Authority (p. 212)	<i>For grants to state agencies, counties and municipalities and Indian nations, tribes and pueblos based on the submitted regional plans for diversion, crisis intervention, collaborative and embedded crisis response, mental health, social work, provider technical assistance and community and intercept resources training for expenditure in fiscal years 2026 through 2029 pursuant to the Behavioral Health Reform and Investment Act. Any unexpended balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2029 shall revert to the behavioral health trust fund.</i>	\$2,000.0	X				
(157)	Health Care Authority (p. 212)	<i>For regional certified peer support workers, justice liaisons, regional behavioral health services division staff and administrative staff and to implement audit and evaluation requirements of the Behavioral Health Reform and Investment Act. The other state funds appropriation is from the government results and opportunity program fund.</i>	\$10,000.0 (other state funds)	X				
(158)	Health Care Authority (p. 212)	<i>For regional certified peer support workers, justice liaisons, regional behavioral health services division staff and administrative staff and to implement audit and evaluation requirements of the Behavioral Health Reform and Investment Act in fiscal year 2028. The other state funds appropriation is from the government results and opportunity program fund.</i>	\$10,000.0 (other state funds)	X				
(159)	Health Care Authority (p. 212)	<i>For regional certified peer support workers, justice liaisons, regional behavioral health services division staff and administrative staff and to implement audit and evaluation requirements of the Behavioral Health Reform and Investment Act in fiscal year 2027. The other state funds appropriation is from the government results and opportunity program fund.</i>	\$10,000.0 (other state funds)	X				
(160)	Health Care Authority (p. 212)	<i>For grants to counties, municipalities and Indian nations, tribes and pueblos based on the submitted regional plans for regional mobile crisis and recovery response, intervention and outreach teams and to support existing co-response models to transition to federally recognized mobile crisis team models to obtain medicaid reimbursement for expenditure in fiscal years 2026 through 2029 pursuant to the Behavioral Health Reform and Investment Act. Funding may also be used to support community-based mobile crisis teams and co-response coordination. Not more than five million five hundred thousand dollars (\$5,500,000) may be used by state agencies for regional mobile crisis and recovery response, intervention and outreach teams. Any unexpended balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2029 shall revert to the behavioral health trust fund.</i>	\$11,500.0	X				
(162)	Health Care Authority (p. 213)	<i>For startup costs to build capacity for housing providers for people experiencing homelessness and to build capacity for medical services for people involved with the criminal justice system.</i>	\$8,129.4	X				
(165)	Health Care Authority (p. 213)	<i>For a pilot to integrate medication-assisted treatment into primary care settings.</i>	\$2,500.0	X				

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(167)	Health Care Authority (p. 213)	<i>For grants to counties, municipalities, and Indian nations, tribes and pueblos for law enforcement and behavioral health service providers to purchase regional mobile crisis response, recovery and outreach equipment and vehicles based on submitted regional plans in accordance with the Behavioral Health Reform and Investment Act. Any unexpended balances remaining at the end of fiscal year 2026 shall not revert and may be expended through fiscal year 2029. Any unexpended balances remaining at the end of fiscal year 2029 shall revert to the behavioral health trust fund.</i>	\$2,500.0	X				
(168)	Health Care Authority (p. 214)	<i>To expand patient navigation to behavioral health services through a “no-wrong-door”; approach, including updates to information technology portals and for a closed-loop referral system to facilitate direct and immediate connections to behavioral health services for individuals, providers and care coordination teams, in fiscal years 2026 and 2027. Any unexpended balances remaining at the end of fiscal year 2027 shall revert to the behavioral health trust fund.</i>	\$9,000.0	X				
(169)	Health Care Authority (p. 214)	<i>To improve the quality of services provided to children in state custody through a quality services review and to come into compliance with the Kevin S., et al. v. Blalock, et al., No. 1:18-CV-00896 settlement agreement.</i>	\$607.4	X				
(170)	Health Care Authority (p. 214)	<i>For the rural health care delivery fund.</i>	\$20,000.0	X				
(171)	Health Care Authority (p. 214)	<i>To study the merits, feasibility, costs and likely enrollment in a proposed new medicaid waiver for people with serious mental illness or substance dependency leading to regular confinement in county jails or intensive overuse of hospital emergency rooms or other emergency or crisis services versus continuing with the current service array for people with serious mental illness.</i>	\$1,000.0	X				
(172)	Health Care Authority (p. 214)	<i>For grants to integrate behavioral health incentive-based treatment into other substance use disorder treatment modalities. Any unexpended balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2026 shall revert to the behavioral health trust fund.</i>	\$2,500.0	X				
(180)	Workforce Solutions Dept (p. 216)	<i>For the local news fellowship program.</i>	\$500.0					X
(182)	Workforce Solutions Dept (p. 216)	<i>To provide individuals training in non-extractive industries and to provide extractive industry workers with training that will enhance their skill set to transition to non-extractive industries for expenditure in fiscal years 2026 through 2028, contingent on the passage of Senate Bill 48 or similar legislation of the first session of the fifty-seventh legislature creating the community benefit fund. Funding may be used to provide community-based wraparound services and resources related to the training provided. The other state funds appropriation is from the community benefit fund.</i>	\$17,000.0 (other state funds)			X		X

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(190)	Dept of Health (p. 217)	<i>For local health councils to transition to behavioral health supports pursuant to regional plans of the Behavioral Health Reform and Investment Act.</i>	\$4,000.0	X				
(194)	Dept of Health (p. 217)	<i>The period of time for expending the nine million dollars (\$9,000,000) appropriated to the department of health on behalf of the department of finance and administration in Subsection 7 of Section 10 of Chapter 54 of Laws 2022 to establish criteria for distribution of grants supporting violence intervention programs statewide is extended through fiscal year 2026 and may be used for opioid prevention programs, provided that one million dollars (\$1,000,000) shall be used for services for victims of sexual assault and one million dollars (\$1,000,000) shall be used for services for victims of domestic violence.</i>	N/A	X				
(195)	Dept of Health (p. 218)	<i>For operational expenses, contingent on enactment of Senate Bill 219 or similar legislation of the first session of the fifty-seventh legislature enacting the Medical Psilocybin Act.</i>	\$1,000.0	X				
(196)	Dept of Health (p. 218)	<i>To expand suicide prevention and youth behavioral health supports in schools through educational resources, outreach, awareness, multi-component digital platforms and behavioral health services, for expenditure in fiscal years 2026 through 2028. Any unexpended balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2028 shall revert to the behavioral health trust fund.</i>	\$9,000.0	X				X
(219)	Corrections Dept (p. 222)	<i>The period of time for expending the one million dollars (\$1,000,000) appropriated from the consumer settlement fund in Subsection 11 of Section 11 of Chapter 210 of Laws 2023 as extended in Subsection 163 of Section 5 of Chapter 69 of Laws 2024 for medication-assisted treatment in prisons is extended through fiscal year 2026.</i>	N/A	X				
(220)	Corrections Dept (p. 222)	<i>For use by the department and for grants to counties based on regional plans for discharge planning from correctional facilities and detention centers, and to assist discharged persons to connect with recovery support services and treatment and community-based behavioral health supports that supplement or enhance transitional services covered by Medicaid for expenditure in fiscal years 2026 through 2029. The corrections department shall consult with the department of health when making grants to counties. Any unexpended balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2029 shall revert to the behavioral health trust fund.</i>	\$1,300.0	X				
(221)	Corrections Dept (p. 226-222)	<i>To continue hepatitis C treatment and program monitoring. Any unexpended balances from this appropriation remaining at the end of fiscal year 2026 shall not revert and may be expended through fiscal year 2027. The other state funds appropriation is from the penitentiary income fund.</i>	\$17,800.0 (other state funds)	X				
(229)	Dept of Public Safety (p. 223)	<i>To be used by law enforcement and behavioral health service providers to purchase equipment and vehicles for regional mobile crisis response, recovery and outreach for expenditure in fiscal years 2026 through 2029 pursuant to the Behavioral Health Reform and Investment Act. Any unexpended balances remaining at the end of fiscal year 2029 shall revert to the behavioral health trust fund.</i>	\$2,500.0	X				

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(242)	Public Education Dept (p. 225)	<i>Amounts appropriated to the public education department under Item 11 of Subsection B of Section 9 of Chapter 69 of Laws 2024 and Item 11 of Subsection C of Section 9 of Chapter 69 of Laws 2024 for educator clinical practice programs may only be utilized for educator preparation programs that partner with local education agencies to place clinical practice candidates seeking licensure in an area responsible for teaching elementary school reading with mentors trained in structured literacy.</i>	N/A					X
(243)	Public Education Dept (p. 225)	<i>For purposes pursuant to the Bilingual Multicultural Education Act. The other state funds appropriation is from the public education reform fund.</i>	\$500.0 (other state funds)					X
(244)	Public Education Dept (p. 225)	<i>For purposes pursuant to the Black Education Act. The other state funds appropriation is from the public education reform fund.</i>	\$500.0 (other state funds)					X
(246)	Public Education Dept (p. 226)	<i>For the career technical education pilot project, including career technical student organizations, innovation zones and work-based learning initiatives. The other state funds appropriation is from the career technical education fund.</i>	\$28,500.0 (General Fund); \$10,000.0 (other state funds)					X
(249)	Public Education Dept (p. 226)	<i>For the recruitment and retention of educator fellows and grow your own teacher scholarships pursuant to the Grow Your Own Teachers Act, including one million dollars (\$1,000,000) for teacher recruitment pilots and programs to improve the teacher workforce pipeline. The public education department shall prioritize awards to school districts and charter schools that provide local matching funds for participating educators. The other state funds appropriation is from the grow your own teachers fund.</i>	\$20,000.0 (General Fund); \$300.0 (other state funds)					X
(250)	Public Education Dept (p. 227)	<i>For purposes pursuant to the Hispanic Education Act. The other state funds appropriation is from the public education reform fund.</i>	\$500.0 (other state funds)					X
(251)	Public Education Dept (p. 227)	<i>To New Mexico pueblos, tribes and nations to support activities pursuant to the Indian Education Act for expenditure in fiscal years 2026 through 2028, with no more than ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) expended in each fiscal year to support activities pursuant to the Indian Education Act.</i>	\$30,000.0					X
(265)	Public Education Dept (p. 229)	<i>To expand suicide prevention and youth behavioral health supports in schools through educational resources, outreach, awareness, multi-component digital platforms and behavioral health services for expenditure in fiscal years 2026 through 2028. Any unexpended balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2028 shall revert to the behavioral health trust fund.</i>	\$5,000.0	X				

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(267)	Public Education Dept (p. 229)	<i>For a reading intervention program based on the science of reading.</i>	\$29,000.0					X
(272)	Higher Education Dept (p. 230)	<i>For adult education programs, including integrated education and training programs statewide and community-based wraparound services and resources related to those programs, for expenditure in fiscal years 2026 through 2028 contingent on the passage of Senate Bill 48 or similar legislation of the first session of the fifty-seventh legislature creating the community benefit fund. The other state funds appropriation is from the community benefit fund.</i>	\$10,000.0 (other state funds)					X
(273)	Higher Education Dept (p. 230)	<i>For behavioral health career development programs including youth mental health first aid training and behavioral health internships.</i>	\$1,000.0	X				X
(274)	Higher Education Dept (p. 230)	<i>For scholarships, financial aid and other support for practicums for behavioral health or addiction counseling students.</i>	\$3,000.0	X				X
(275)	Higher Education Dept (p. 230)	<i>For distribution to the higher education institutions of New Mexico for building renewal and replacement and facility demolition for expenditure in fiscal year 2026. A report of building renewal and replacement transfers must be submitted to the higher education department before funding is released. In the event of a transfer of building renewal and replacement funding to cover institutional salaries, or any other ineligible purpose as defined in the New Mexico higher education department space policy, funding shall not be released to the higher education institutions. Up to ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) may be used for facility demolition.</i>	\$40,000.0					X
(277)	Higher Education Dept (p. 231)	<i>For distribution to the higher education institutions of New Mexico for equipment renewal and replacement. A report of equipment and renewal and replacement transfers must be submitted to the higher education department before funding is released. In the event of a transfer of equipment renewal and replacement funding to cover institutional salaries, funding shall not be released to the higher education institution.</i>	\$3,000.0					X
(278)	Higher Education Dept (p. 231)	<i>For the health professional loan repayment program for expenditure in fiscal year 2026, with priority for professionals working in a behavioral health setting, including certified community behavioral health clinics, working in a criminal justice setting or serving homeless populations and including five million dollars (\$5,000,000) for doctors.</i>	\$20,000.0	X				

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(280)	Higher Education Dept (p. 231)	<i>For New Mexico public community colleges and comprehensive universities for program development costs and to purchase equipment supporting noncredit workforce training programs resulting in industry-recognized certificates or credentials. Higher education institutions shall submit an application to the higher education department, including the certificates or credentials to be supported and equipment to be purchased as applicable. The higher education department shall distribute funds to institutions based on the application by July 1, 2025.</i>	\$2,700.0					X
(282)	Higher Education Dept (p. 232)	<i>To the teacher loan repayment fund.</i>	\$5,000.0					X
(283)	Higher Education Dept (p. 232)	<i>To the technology enhancement fund in fiscal year 2026 for distribution to eligible higher education institutions.</i>	\$10,000.0		X	X	X	X
(287)	Higher Education Dept (p. 232)	<i>For the expansion of the New Mexico workforce training economic support pilot program to include students enrolled in department-approved credit-based and noncredit workforce development training programs</i>	\$2,000.0					X
(288)	University of New Mexico (p. 232)	<i>For the bioscience authority.</i>	\$1,000.0					X
(289)	University of New Mexico (p. 233)	<i>To the university of New Mexico health sciences center for the center of Native American health for Native American faculty teaching and research endowments.</i>	\$2,500.0					X
(290)	University of New Mexico (p. 233)	<i>For the college of population health</i>	\$2,500.0					X
(291)	University of New Mexico (p. 233)	<i>For an educator training program through the hepatitis community health outcomes research and public service project.</i>	\$1,000.0					X
(292)	University of New Mexico (p. 233)	<i>For the Gallup branch campus to pilot a law enforcement academy, including operational costs associated with implementation and certification.</i>	\$400.0					X
(293)	University of New Mexico (p. 233)	<i>To health sciences center for the learning and working environment office.</i>	\$200.0					X

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(294)	University of New Mexico (p. 233)	<i>For legal education financial aid for low-income students dedicated to public service, for expenditure in fiscal years 2026 through 2028.</i>	\$150.0					X
(295)	University of New Mexico (p. 233)	<i>For a mental health, substance misuse and criminal justice technical assistance center at the university of New Mexico health sciences center to support communities and regions in complying with the Behavioral Health Reform and Investment Act.</i>	\$1,800.0	X				
(296)	University of New Mexico (p. 233)	<i>To the health sciences center and the department of health for mobile health units, medication-assisted treatment and other health outreach for homeless persons, including telemedicine.</i>	\$2,000.0	X				
(297)	University of New Mexico (p. 233)	<i>For the Native American studies department for Native American faculty, teaching and research endowments.</i>	\$2,000.0					X
(298)	University of New Mexico (p. 234)	<i>For an online native language program.</i>	\$500.0					X
(299)	University of New Mexico (p. 234)	<i>For the psychedelic assisted therapy research program in the department of family medicine.</i>	\$500.0	X				X
(300)	University of New Mexico (p. 234)	<i>For the quantum institute, including five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) for first year fellowships</i>	\$1,800.0		X			X
(301)	University of New Mexico (p. 234)	<i>For the health sciences center for resident pay for expenditure in fiscal year 2026.</i>	\$2,000.0					X
(302)	University of New Mexico (p. 234)	<i>For the Taos branch campus for a telescope and observatory.</i>	\$1,800.0					X

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(13)	Health Care Authority (p. 256)	For medical services for incarcerated persons up to ninety days prior to release, including case management, medication-assisted treatment, thirty-day supply of prescription drugs and other medical services.	\$5,925.4	X				
(16)	Health Care Authority (p. 256)	To provide medical respite for the homeless.	\$3,605.3	X				
(25)	Corrections Dept (p. 259)	For medication-assisted treatment.	\$11,300.0	X				
(27)	Public Education Dept (p. 259)	For training educators in evidence-based math instruction, contingent on enactment of Senate Bill 201 or similar legislation of the first session of the fifty-seventh legislature requiring evidence-based program evaluation for projects receiving appropriations from the public education reform fund. Up to two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) may be used by the public education department to conduct a randomized controlled trial to evaluate and monitor outcomes. The other state funds appropriation is from the public education reform fund.	\$4,500.0					X
(30)	Public Education Dept (p. 260)	For training secondary educators in evidence-based reading instruction, contingent on enactment of Senate Bill 201 or similar legislation of the first session of the fifty-seventh legislature requiring evidence-based program evaluation for projects receiving appropriations from the public education reform fund. Up to two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) may be used by the public education department to conduct a randomized controlled trial to evaluate and monitor outcomes. The other state funds appropriation is from the public education reform fund.	\$5,200.0					X
(31)	Higher Education Dept (p. 260)	For a distribution to state-controlled four-year degree-granting higher education institutions for student retention initiatives. The distributions shall be determined by a formula created by the department in consultation with the legislative finance committee. To qualify for a distribution, the current year retention rate for first-time, full-time students retained to the second year must exceed the retention rate for the prior year. The formula shall provide an equal per student distribution provided that no institution shall receive an award greater than one and one-half percent of the general fund appropriation for instruction and general expenses for the prior fiscal year.	\$4,500.0					X
(33)	NM State University (p. 260)	To coordinate, plan, design, implement, operate, promote and establish a statewide online education program in partnership and coordination with other state education institutions. Any unexpended balances remaining at the end of fiscal year 2026 shall not revert and may be expended through fiscal year 2028.	\$12,000.0					X

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(13)	Health Care Authority (p. 263)	For medical services for incarcerated persons up to ninety days prior to release, including case management, medication-assisted treatment, thirty-day supply of prescription drugs and other medical services.	\$5,925.4	X				
(16)	Health Care Authority (p. 263)	To provide medical respite for the homeless.	\$3,605.3	X				
(25)	Corrections Dept (p. 265)	For medication-assisted treatment.	\$11,300.0	X				
(27)	Public Education Dept (p. 266)	For training educators in evidence-based math instruction, contingent on enactment of Senate Bill 201 or similar legislation of the first session of the fifty-seventh legislature requiring evidence-based program evaluation for projects receiving appropriations from the public education reform fund. Up to two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) may be used by the public education department to conduct a randomized controlled trial to evaluate and monitor outcomes. The other state funds appropriation is from the public education reform fund.	\$4,500.0					X
(30)	Public Education Dept (p. 267)	For training secondary educators in evidence-based reading instruction, contingent on enactment of Senate Bill 201 or similar legislation of the first session of the fifty-seventh legislature requiring evidence-based program evaluation for projects receiving appropriations from the public education reform fund. Up to two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) may be used by the public education department to conduct a randomized controlled trial to evaluate and monitor outcomes. The other state funds appropriation is from the public education reform fund.	\$5,200.0					X
(31)	Higher Education Dept (p. 267)	For a distribution to state-controlled four-year degree-granting higher education institutions for student retention initiatives. The distributions shall be determined by a formula created by the department in consultation with the legislative finance committee. To qualify for a distribution, the current year retention rate for first-time, full-time students retained to the second year must exceed the retention rate for the prior year. The formula shall provide an equal per-student distribution provided that no institution shall receive an award greater than one and one-half percent of the general fund appropriation for instruction and general expenses for the prior fiscal year.	\$6,500.0					X

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(8)	Health Care Authority (p. 269)	For medical services for incarcerated persons up to ninety days prior to release, including case management, medication-assisted treatment, thirty-day supply of prescription drugs and other medical services.	\$5,925.4	X				
(11)	Health Care Authority (p. 269)	To provide medical respite for the homeless.	\$3,605.3	X				
(14)	Corrections Dept (p. 27)0	For medication-assisted treatment.	\$11,300.0	X				
(16)	Public Education Dept (p. 270)	For training educators in evidence-based math instruction, contingent on enactment of Senate Bill 201 or similar legislation of the first session of the fifty-seventh legislature requiring evidence-based program evaluation for projects receiving appropriations from the public education reform fund. Up to two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) may be used by the public education department to conduct a randomized controlled trial to evaluate and monitor outcomes. The other state funds appropriation is from the public education reform fund.	\$4,500.0					X
(19)	Public Education Dept (p. 271)	For training secondary educators in evidence-based reading instruction, contingent on enactment of Senate Bill 201 or similar legislation of the first session of the fifty-seventh legislature requiring evidence-based program evaluation for projects receiving appropriations from the public education reform fund. Up to two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) may be used by the public education department to conduct a randomized controlled trial to evaluate and monitor outcomes. The other state funds appropriation is from the public education reform fund.	\$5,200.0					X
(20)	Higher Education Dept (p. 271)	For a distribution to state-controlled four-year degree-granting higher education institutions for student retention initiatives. The distributions shall be determined by a formula created by the department in consultation with the legislative finance committee. To qualify for a distribution, the current year retention rate for first-time, full-time students retained to the second year must exceed the retention rate for the prior year. The formula shall provide an equal per student distribution provided that no institution shall receive an award greater than one and one-half percent of the general fund appropriation for instruction and general expenses for the prior fiscal year.	\$9,000.0					X

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(11)	Dept of Finance & Administration (p. 273)	New Mexico Match Fund	\$72,000.0		X	X	X	X
(12)	New Mexico Finance Authority (p. 273)	Water Project Fund	\$200,000.0			X		
(29)	Environment Dept (p. 276)	Strategic Water Supply Fund Note: language was struck via line item veto that otherwise would have required the monies be spent only in FY26. <i>For the development, implementation or support of the strategic water supply program in fiscal year 2026, contingent on enactment of House Bill 137 or similar legislation of the first session of the fifty-seventh legislature creating the program.</i>	\$40,000.0			X		