



Interim Legislative Updates

Interim committees are designed to provide a forum to continue studying issues relevant to the future of the state. During each interim gathering, members discuss, listen to expert presentations, and hear public comment on issues which may be addressed during the upcoming regular session.

The interim committees also allow the Legislature to monitor the effects of current and recently-passed legislation. For example, if a bill has passed which alters the state's economic development policies, an interim committee may be assigned to study its continuing effects on the state's economy and other related issues.

NM IDEA members are encouraged to attend relevant interim committee meetings to participate in the interim process by making public comment or being an expert presenter on an economic development topic outlined in the committee's work plan. You can find the Economic & Rural Development Committee work plan [here](#).

If you plan to attend an interim committee, please contact NM IDEA lobbyist Jason Espinoza at jespinoza.kw@gmail.com, so we can coordinate economic development education efforts.

Upcoming Interim Committees

Economic & Rural Development Committee

The Interim Economic & Rural Development Committee is meeting in northern New Mexico next week from August 14-16.

On Wednesday, August 14 at New Mexico Highlands University in Las Vegas, Economic Development Department Secretary Alicia Keyes is scheduled to present to the interim committee at 10:30 am. The agenda has the Secretary's presentation titled as *Economic Development Department -- Films Matters, Rapid Workforce Development Act, Economic Development Innovation Task Force, General Update and Legislative Priorities*.

The interim committee has scheduled an overview of Rural Development Programs presented by Arthur Garcia, New Mexico State Director, United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development and Brian Smith, Arizona/New Mexico General Field Representative, United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development.

Additionally, the committee will hear presentations on rural broadband development, health career pathways, cloud seeding, economic development in Las Vegas, unmanned aerial systems industry, and New Mexico film-making opportunities.

NM IDEA lobbyist, Jason Espinoza, will be attending the committee hearing and will provide members with a report. You can access the full [agenda](#) here.

Transportation Infrastructure Revenue Subcommittee

The interim Transportation Infrastructure Revenue Subcommittee will meet on August 22 at the State Capitol in Santa Fe.

The committee schedule to receive reports on local government needs for transportation infrastructure, and highway conditions. Additionally the Department of Transportation has a presentation titled *Modal Program: Ports of Entry, Transit, Rail, Aviation and Traffic Safety* on August 22 at 2:00 pm.

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Legislative Finance Committee

The Legislative Finance Committee will jointly meet with the interim Revenue Stabilization and Tax Policy Committee on August 28-30 in Red River

The committee is scheduled to receive updates on the FY20 revenue, FY21 outlook and a financial summary on the general fund. Additionally, a presentation is scheduled to look at enhancing fiscal stability amid revenue growth and uncertainty.

On the morning of August 29, the committee is scheduled to hear from Gabe Romero of Chevron, Jack Lewis of the United States Forest Service, and Lindsay Mapes of the Questa Economic Development Fund. The presenters will provide a briefing on the Questa economic development plan and statewide outdoor recreation promotion.

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