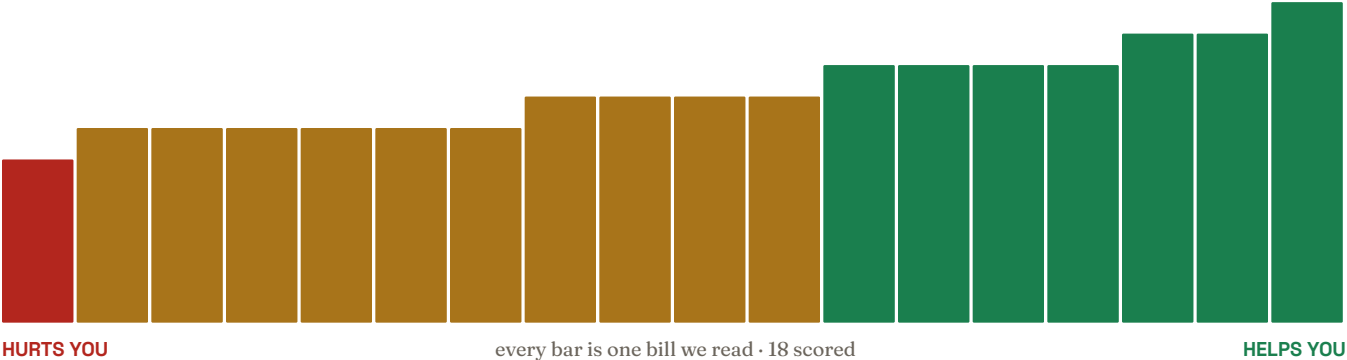




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New Mexico Bill Book 2026

The New Mexico bills that matter most, each scored 1–10 on one question: does it help everyday people, or the interests behind it?



Our take on the left. The bill on the right. Room for your notes.

Every spread is one bill, twice.

On the **left** is our take: the Billometer score, what the bill means for you, and the factor-by-factor reasoning behind that score. On the **right** is the bill on the record: its official title, its status, where to read the real text, and space for your own notes.

THE BILLOMETER

One number, 1 to 10, answering a single question: does this help everyday people or hurt them? 1–4 hurts, 5–6 is mixed, 7–10 helps. It is our editorial judgement — which is exactly why every page shows the reasoning behind it. If you disagree with a score, you can see precisely where you disagree.

HOW THESE BILLS WERE CHOSEN

Ranked, not cherry-picked. This edition prints the 10 lowest-scoring and 8 highest-scoring of the 18 New Mexico bills we have fully analysed. A bill only qualifies if it passed our verification step, has a recorded official status, and has its reasoning attached. Thin entries are left out rather than padded. Note that only 143 bills in the entire country score 3 or below, so in most places the bottom of the list is not evil — it is merely mixed, and we label it that way.

THESE ARE PROPOSALS, NOT LAW

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10 worst, 8 best

THE WORST — LOWEST SCORING

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5/10	SB36	The Quantum Facilities Bill — New tax credit for quantum facilities could benefit businesses
5/10	SB170	The Child Care Bill — New tax credit for donating to child care facilities proposed
5/10	HB82	The Tech Companies Bill — New bill could extend tax credits for tech companies
5/10	HB110	The Development Data Bill — New bill aims to track housing development data
5/10	HB155	The Fireworks & Increase Bill — New bill could ban fireworks and increase fines
6/10	HJR8	The Homeowners Money Bill — Homeowners could get money back for nuisance laws
6/10	HM62	The Taxes & Rental Bill — New Mexico lawmakers want to study taxes and rental costs
6/10	HB51	The Spay & Neuter Bill — Spay and neuter fee repeal is delayed for pet owners

THE BEST — HIGHEST SCORING

9/10	HB151	The Childhood Sexual Bill — New bill aims to help childhood sexual abuse survivors seek justice
8/10	HB93	The Deduction Increase Bill — Proposed tax deduction increase could help families save money
8/10	HB196	The Harder Jail Bill — New Mexico wants harder jail time for stolen gun crimes
7/10	HB106	The Home Child Bill — Home child care tax credit could lower taxes for providers
7/10	HB232	The Credit Safe Bill — Tax credit offered for safe gun storage
7/10	SB120	The Local News Bill — New Mexico wants to help local news hire reporters
7/10	HB49	The Tougher Penalties Bill — Felons face tougher penalties for having guns
6/10	HB126	The Secret & Silence Bill — New Mexico bill bans secret and silence clauses

The Health Care Bill

Tax credit for health care preceptors could lower state revenue

NM HB90 • Healthcare & Insurance

4/10

OBLITERATE

Hurts everyday people



WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

The bill helps doctors who supervise trainees by cutting their taxes, but it means ordinary New Mexicans may pay more in other services because the state loses revenue.

WHY IT SCORES 4/10 — THE RECEIPTS

Accountability (neutral) — No change to who is answerable..

The bill does not alter oversight of health providers.

Rights & Protections (neutral) — No impact on personal rights..

It does not affect individuals' ability to sue or be protected.

Who Bears the Cost (hurts) — Cost shifts to taxpayers..

Tax credit reduces state revenue, meaning other public services may be funded by the...

Process Transparency (neutral) — Standard legislative process..

The bill is still in the introductory stage.

FOLLOW THE MONEY

Pushing for it: Taxpayers

Bearing the cost: Health care providers

WHO'S BEHIND IT

Democrat-sponsored (OR / 4D)

THE BILL ITSELF

Health Care Preceptor Income Tax Credit

NM HB90

Introduced · recorded 2026-01-20

WHAT IT DOES

The bill would let doctors who train new clinicians pay less state tax, shifting that cost to other taxpayers.

WHO IT'S WRITTEN FOR

Health care providers

READ IT YOURSELF

Official text (NM HB90) — <https://www.nmlegis.gov/Legislation/Legislation?chamber=H&legtype=B&legno=90&year=26>

LegiScan — HB90 — <https://legiscan.com/NM/bill/HB90/2026>

Live status, community verdicts and how your own reps voted — www.obillerate.com/bill/nm-hb90-085115

YOUR NOTES

The Attract Doctors Bill

New tax credit aims to attract doctors to New Mexico

NM SB12 • Healthcare & Insurance

5/10

TOLERATE

Mixed — some good, some bad



WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

Supporters say the credit will keep clinics open and patients cared for, but opponents worry it will shrink the state budget and raise taxes for everyone.

WHY IT SCORES 5/10 — THE RECEIPTS

- Accountability** (neutral) — No new oversight or reporting requirements.
The bill does not change who is accountable for health services.
- Rights & Protections** (neutral) — No impact on patient rights.
The text does not affect patients' ability to sue or receive care.
- Who Bears the Cost** (hurts) — Tax credit reduces state revenue.
Taxpayers would effectively fund the credit.
- Process Transparency** (neutral) — Early stage, no detailed provisions.
Limited information on how the credit would be administered.

FOLLOW THE MONEY

Pushing for it: Physicians
Bearing the cost: Taxpayers

WHO'S BEHIND IT

Democrat-sponsored (OR / 17D)

THE BILL ITSELF

Physician Tax Credit

NM SB12

Introduced · recorded 2026-01-20

WHAT IT DOES

The bill would give doctors a tax break, hoping they stay in the state, while taxpayers would cover the cost.

WHO IT'S WRITTEN FOR

Physicians

READ IT YOURSELF

Official text (NM SB12) — <https://www.nmlegis.gov/Legislation/Legislation?chamber=S&legtype=B&legno=12&year=26>

LegiScan — SB12 — <https://legiscan.com/NM/bill/SB12/2026>

Live status, community verdicts and how your own reps voted — www.obillerate.com/bill/nm-sb12-087455

YOUR NOTES

The Quantum Facilities Bill

New tax credit for quantum facilities could benefit businesses

NM SB36 • Money & Damages

5/10

TOLERATE

Mixed — some good, some bad



1 - hurts you

helps you - 10

WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

If this bill passes, it could help big companies save money on taxes, but regular people might not see any benefits. It is important to think about who really gains from this.

WHY IT SCORES 5/10 — THE RECEIPTS

Funding Tilt (helps) — Tax credits could benefit businesses financially..

The bill proposes tax credits, which could lead to financial benefits for companies.

WHO'S BEHIND IT

Bipartisan sponsorship (1R / 1D)

THE BILL ITSELF

Quantum Facility Infrastructure Tax Credit

NM SB36

Introduced · recorded 2026-01-21

WHAT IT DOES

This bill would give tax credits to businesses that build quantum facilities, which could help them save money.

WHO IT'S WRITTEN FOR

Big Business

READ IT YOURSELF

Official text (NM SB36) — <https://www.nmlegis.gov/Legislation/Legislation?chamber=S&legtype=B&legno=36&year=26>

LegiScan — SB36 — <https://legiscan.com/NM/bill/SB36/2026>

Live status, community verdicts and how your own reps voted — www.obillerate.com/bill/nm-sb36-089478

YOUR NOTES

The Child Care Bill

New tax credit for donating to child care facilities proposed

NM SB170 • Money & Damages

5/10

TOLERATE

Mixed — some good, some bad



1 • hurts you

helps you • 10

WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

If this bill passes, it could help child care centers get more donations, but it is unclear who really benefits. Now is the time to think about how it affects everyone.

WHY IT SCORES 5/10 — THE RECEIPTS

Funding Tilt (neutral) — Neutral funding impact.

The bill proposes a tax credit but does not specify funding sources.

WHO'S BEHIND IT

Democrat-sponsored (OR / 1D)

THE BILL ITSELF

Child Care Facility Donation Tax Credit

NM SB170

Introduced · recorded 2026-01-28

WHAT IT DOES

This bill would create a tax credit for people who donate to child care facilities, which could help them get more money.

WHO IT'S WRITTEN FOR

READ IT YOURSELF

Official text (NM SB170) — <https://www.nmlegis.gov/Legislation/Legislation?chamber=S&legtype=B&legno=170&year=26>

LegiScan — SB170 — <https://legiscan.com/NM/bill/SB170/2026>

Live status, community verdicts and how your own reps voted — www.obillerate.com/bill/nm-sb170-100759

YOUR NOTES

The Tech Companies Bill

New bill could extend tax credits for tech companies

NM HB82 · Money & Damages

5/10

TOLERATE

Mixed — some good, some bad



1 · hurts you

helps you · 10

WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

If this bill passes, tech companies might get more money from tax credits. This could help them grow, but it may not help regular people much.

WHY IT SCORES 5/10 — THE RECEIPTS

Funding Tilt (hurts) — The bill benefits tech companies financially..

Extending tax credits mainly helps businesses.

WHO'S BEHIND IT

Bipartisan sponsorship (1R / 2D)

THE BILL ITSELF

Extend Technology Readiness Grt Credit

NM HB82

 Introduced · recorded 2026-01-20

WHAT IT DOES

This bill would extend tax credits for technology businesses, which could help them save money.

WHO IT'S WRITTEN FOR

Big Business

READ IT YOURSELF

Official text (NM HB82) — <https://www.nmlegis.gov/Legislation/Legislation?chamber=H&legtype=B&legno=82&year=26>

LegiScan — HB82 — <https://legiscan.com/NM/bill/HB82/2026>

Live status, community verdicts and how your own reps voted — www.obillerate.com/bill/nm-hb82-079850

YOUR NOTES

The Development Data Bill

New bill aims to track housing development data

NM HB110 • Housing & Property

5/10

TOLERATE

Mixed — some good, some bad



WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

Knowing more about housing can help everyone find better homes. But we need to see if this really helps people or just adds more paperwork.

WHY IT SCORES 5/10 — THE RECEIPTS

Process Transparency (neutral) — The bill aims to improve data reporting..

Better data can lead to more informed decisions about housing.

Rights & Protections (neutral) — No direct rights are affected..

The bill does not remove any rights.

WHO'S BEHIND IT

Democrat-sponsored (OR / 3D)

THE BILL ITSELF

Housing Development Data Reporting

NM HB110

 Introduced · recorded 2026-01-20

WHAT IT DOES

This bill would require better tracking of housing development data, which could help understand housing needs.

WHO IT’S WRITTEN FOR

READ IT YOURSELF

Official text (NM HB110) — <https://www.nmlegis.gov/Legislation/Legislation?chamber=H&legtype=B&legno=110&year=26>

LegiScan — HB110 — <https://legiscan.com/NM/bill/HB110/2026>

Live status, community verdicts and how your own reps voted — www.obillerate.com/bill/nm-hb110-085146

YOUR NOTES

The Fireworks & Increase Bill

New bill could ban fireworks and increase fines

NM HB155 • Consumer Protection

5/10

TOLERATE

Mixed — some good, some bad



WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

If this bill passes, people might lose the fun of fireworks and face higher fines. It's important to speak up now before it moves forward.

WHY IT SCORES 5/10 — THE RECEIPTS

- Accountability** (neutral) — No clear accountability measures..
The bill does not specify how violations will be enforced.
- Rights & Protections** (hurts) — Limits personal enjoyment..
The bill could take away the right to use fireworks.
- Who Bears the Cost** (neutral) — Cost implications unclear..
The bill does not clarify who will pay for enforcement.
- Process Transparency** (neutral) — Lacks transparency..
The bill has not been printed or fully discussed.

WHO'S BEHIND IT

Bipartisan sponsorship (1R / 2D)

THE BILL ITSELF

Fireworks Bans, Violations & Fines

NM HB155

Introduced · recorded 2026-01-26

WHAT IT DOES

This bill would ban fireworks and raise fines for violations, which could upset many people who enjoy fireworks.

WHO IT'S WRITTEN FOR

Nobody / Symbolic

READ IT YOURSELF

Official text (NM HB155) — <https://www.nmlegis.gov/Legislation/Legislation?chamber=H&legtype=B&legno=155&year=26>

LegiScan — HB155 — <https://legiscan.com/NM/bill/HB155/2026>

Live status, community verdicts and how your own reps voted — www.obillerate.com/bill/nm-hb155-093741

YOUR NOTES

The Homeowners Money Bill

Homeowners could get money back for nuisance laws

NM HJR8 • Housing & Property

6/10 **TOLERATE**
Mixed — some good, some bad



WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

This bill would give some homeowners money back on their property taxes. It aims to help people whose property is affected by certain 'nuisance laws.' However, the bill does not say what these 'nuisance laws' are or how much money people would get back. While getting a refund sounds good, it is hard to know if this bill would truly help people or if it might cause other problems without more details. It is important to know...

WHY IT SCORES 6/10 — THE RECEIPTS

- Accountability** (neutral) — Unclear.
The bill's summary is very brief, making it hard to understand the full scope or...
- Rights & Protections** (neutral) — Unclear.
Without knowing which 'nuisance laws' are targeted, it's unclear if this protects...
- Who Bears the Cost** (hurts) — Cost shift.
A property tax refund would reduce tax revenue for local governments, potentially...
- Process Transparency** (neutral) — Early stage.
The bill is in its earliest stage, with very little public information available beyond...

FOLLOW THE MONEY

Pushing for it: Property owners
Bearing the cost: State or local government

WHO'S BEHIND IT

Republican-sponsored (1R / 0D)

Property Tax Refund For Nuisance Laws, Ca

Introduced · recorded 2026-01-27

This bill would give homeowners money back on their property taxes if their property is affected by certain nuisance laws.

YOUR NOTES

The Taxes & Rental Bill

New Mexico lawmakers want to study taxes and rental costs

NM HM62 • Housing & Property

6_{/10} **TOLERATE**
Mixed — some good, some bad



WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

This bill would just start a study, not make any new rules right away. But what the study finds could lead to big changes later for how much people pay in taxes or for rent. It's important for people to watch what comes out of this study, so their voices can be heard if new ideas come up that might affect their wallets or homes.

WHY IT SCORES 6/10 — THE RECEIPTS

- Accountability** (neutral) — Neutral.
The bill proposes a study, which is a neutral action that could lead to more or less...
- Rights & Protections** (neutral) — Neutral.
As a study, this bill does not directly change or remove any rights or protections for...
- Who Bears the Cost** (neutral) — Neutral.
The bill is for a study and does not directly shift costs onto or away from consumers or...
- Process Transparency** (helps) — Good.
A study can help bring more information to light about important issues like taxes and...

WHO'S BEHIND IT

Democrat-sponsored (OR / 1D)

Study Tax, Rentals, Infrastructure & Funding

Introduced · recorded 2026-02-12

This bill would have New Mexico lawmakers study taxes, rental costs, and how to pay for roads and buildings, which could change how much you pay for rent or taxes.

Nobody / Symbolic

Official text (NM HM62) – <https://www.nmlegis.gov/Legislation/Legislation?chamber=H&legtype=M&legno=62&year=26>

LegisScan – HM62 – <https://legiscan.com/NM/bill/HM62/2026>

Live status, community verdicts and how your own reps voted — www.obillerate.com/bill/nm-hm62-116073

The Spay & Neuter Bill

Spay and neuter fee repeal is delayed for pet owners

NM HB51 • Consumer Protection

6/10

TOLERATE

Mixed — some good, some bad



WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

If this bill passes, pet owners will not have to pay the spay and neuter fee, making it easier to care for their pets. Now is the time to support this change.

WHY IT SCORES 6/10 — THE RECEIPTS

Accountability (neutral) — No significant accountability measures are included..
Unknown

Rights & Protections (helps) — Helps pet owners by removing fees..
Pet owners would benefit from reduced costs.

Who Bears the Cost (neutral) — No shifts in costs mentioned..
Unknown

Process Transparency (neutral) — The bill is in early stages..
Unknown

WHO'S BEHIND IT

Bipartisan sponsorship (1R / 4D)

THE BILL ITSELF

Spay & Neuter Fee Delayed Repeal

NM HB51

Introduced · recorded 2026-01-20

WHAT IT DOES

This bill would remove a fee for spaying and neutering pets, helping pet owners save money.

WHO IT'S WRITTEN FOR

Everyday People

READ IT YOURSELF

Official text (NM HB51) — <https://www.nmlegis.gov/Legislation/Legislation?chamber=H&legtype=B&legno=51&year=26>

LegiScan — HB51 — <https://legiscan.com/NM/bill/HB51/2026>

Live status, community verdicts and how your own reps voted — www.obillerate.com/bill/nm-hb51-070102

YOUR NOTES

The Childhood Sexual Bill

New bill aims to help childhood sexual abuse survivors seek justice

NM HB151 • Your Right to Sue

9/10

LIBERATE

Helps everyday people



WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

Survivors deserve a chance to seek justice, no matter how long ago the abuse happened. Now is the time to support this bill.

WHY IT SCORES 9/10 — THE RECEIPTS

- Rights & Protections (helps)** — Increases rights for survivors.
Allows lawsuits for childhood sexual abuse regardless of time passed
- Accountability (helps)** — Holds abusers accountable.
Gives survivors a chance to seek justice

WHO'S BEHIND IT

Democrat-sponsored (OR / 4D)

Childhood Sexual Abuse Statute Of Limitations

Introduced · recorded 2026-01-26

This bill would let survivors of childhood sexual abuse sue even after many years.

Everyday People

Official text (NM HB151) – <https://www.nmlegis.gov/Legislation/Legislation?chamber=H&legtype=B&legno=151&year=26>

LegiScan – HB151 – <https://legiscan.com/NM/bill/HB151/2026>

Live status, community verdicts and how your own reps voted — www.obillerate.com/bill/nm-hb151-093847

The Deduction Increase Bill

Proposed tax deduction increase could help families save money

NM HB93 • Money & Damages

8/10 **LIBERATE**
Helps everyday people



WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

If this bill passes, families could keep more of their money. Now is the time to support it so everyone can benefit.

WHY IT SCORES 8/10 — THE RECEIPTS

Funding Tilt (helps) — Increases tax deductions can lead to more disposable income..
Families may have more money to spend on necessities.

WHO'S BEHIND IT

Republican-sponsored (2R / 0D)

THE BILL ITSELF

Standard Income Tax Deduction Increase

NM HB93

Introduced · recorded 2026-01-20

WHAT IT DOES

This bill would increase the standard income tax deduction, helping families pay less in taxes.

WHO IT'S WRITTEN FOR

Everyday People

READ IT YOURSELF

Official text (NM HB93) — <https://www.nmlegis.gov/Legislation/Legislation?chamber=H&legtype=B&legno=93&year=26>

LegiScan — HB93 — <https://legiscan.com/NM/bill/HB93/2026>

Live status, community verdicts and how your own reps voted — www.obillerate.com/bill/nm-hb93-085169

YOUR NOTES

The Harder Jail Bill

New Mexico wants harder jail time for stolen gun crimes

NM HB196 • Criminal Justice

8/10 **LIBERATE**
Helps everyday people



WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

This bill would make the punishment for having a stolen gun more serious. If passed, people found with stolen firearms would face tougher penalties. Supporters believe this would help reduce gun crime and make neighborhoods safer by deterring people from dealing in stolen weapons. The bill is currently paused, but it could be brought up again. Citizens might want to consider if they support harsher penalties for this type of...

WHY IT SCORES 8/10 — THE RECEIPTS

- Accountability (helps)** — Increases accountability for criminals..
The bill aims to increase penalties for individuals who receive stolen firearms, making...
- Rights & Protections (neutral)** — Does not directly impact ordinary citizens' rights..
The bill targets criminal behavior related to stolen firearms and does not directly...
- Who Bears the Cost (neutral)** — No direct cost shift to ordinary citizens..
The official summary does not specify any direct financial costs or shifts onto ordinary...
- Process Transparency (neutral)** — No information provided..
The provided text does not contain information regarding the transparency of the...

FOLLOW THE MONEY

Pushing for it: The state and communities, potentially through reduced crime
Bearing the cost: Individuals convicted of receiving stolen firearms

WHO'S BEHIND IT

Republican-sponsored (1R / 0D)

Penalty For Receiving Stolen Firearm

Introduced · recorded 2026-01-28

This bill would make the punishment worse for people caught with stolen guns, aiming to make communities safer.

Everyday People

Official text (NM HB196) – <https://www.nmlegis.gov/Legislation/Legislation?chamber=H&legtype=B&legno=196&year=26>

LegiScan – HB196 – <https://legiscan.com/NM/bill/HB196/2026>

Live status, community verdicts and how your own reps voted — www.obillerate.com/bill/nm-hb196-100420

The Home Child Bill

Home child care tax credit could lower taxes for providers

NM HB106 • Work & wages

7 /10 **LIBERATE**
Helps everyday people

1 • hurts you

helps you • 10

WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

Parents who run daycare from their house could keep more money, which might let them keep prices low for families. Watch the bill as it moves through the legislature.

WHY IT SCORES 7/10 — THE RECEIPTS

- Accountability** (neutral) — No change to who can be sued.
N/A
- Rights & Protections** (neutral) — Does not affect legal rights.
N/A
- Who Bears the Cost** (hurts) — Tax credit reduces state revenue.
Cost shifts to all taxpayers
- Process Transparency** (neutral) — Bill is just introduced.
N/A

FOLLOW THE MONEY

Pushing for it: home-based child care providers
Bearing the cost: taxpayers

WHO'S BEHIND IT

Republican-sponsored (2R / 0D)

THE BILL ITSELF

Home-based Child Care Income Tax Credit

NM HB106

Introduced · recorded 2026-01-20

WHAT IT DOES

The bill would give families that run child care at home a tax credit, lowering the amount of tax they owe each year.

WHO IT'S WRITTEN FOR

home-based child care providers

READ IT YOURSELF

Official text (NM HB106) — <https://www.nmlegis.gov/Legislation/Legislation?chamber=H&legtype=B&legno=106&year=26>

LegiScan — HB106 — <https://legiscan.com/NM/bill/HB106/2026>

Live status, community verdicts and how your own reps voted — www.obillerate.com/bill/nm-hb106-085193

YOUR NOTES

The Credit Safe Bill

Tax credit offered for safe gun storage

NM HB232 • Consumer Protection

7/10

LIBERATE

Helps everyday people



WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

Citizens could save money by getting a tax break for keeping guns locked away, but the credit costs the state and may favor gun owners over other safety programs.

WHY IT SCORES 7/10 — THE RECEIPTS

- Accountability** (neutral) — No change to accountability.
Bill does not alter who can be sued or held responsible.
- Rights & Protections** (neutral) — No direct rights change.
Bill does not affect personal rights.
- Who Bears the Cost** (hurts) — Tax credit reduces revenue.
State taxpayers fund the credit.
- Process Transparency** (neutral) — Standard bill process.
Bill is introduced with typical referral.

WHO'S BEHIND IT

Republican-sponsored (3R / 0D)

THE BILL ITSELF

Gun Storage Tax Credit

NM HB232

 Introduced · recorded 2026-01-29

WHAT IT DOES

The bill would let gun owners claim a tax credit for storing their firearms safely, lowering their tax bill.

WHO IT'S WRITTEN FOR

Everyday People

READ IT YOURSELF

Official text (NM HB232) — <https://www.nmlegis.gov/Legislation/Legislation?chamber=H&legtype=B&legno=232&year=26>

LegiScan — HB232 — <https://legiscan.com/NM/bill/HB232/2026>

Live status, community verdicts and how your own reps voted — www.obillerate.com/bill/nm-hb232-102279

YOUR NOTES

The Local News Bill

New Mexico wants to help local news hire reporters

NM SB120 • Work & Wages

7/10

LIBERATE

Helps everyday people



WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

This bill would create a special tax break for local news companies if they hire journalists. The idea is to help these companies afford more staff, which could mean more local stories for people in New Mexico. Some people might think this is a good way to support important local news. Others might worry about using state money for specific businesses or if it is the best way to help the news industry. Right now, the bill has...

WHY IT SCORES 7/10 — THE RECEIPTS

- Accountability** (neutral) — Indirect benefit.
While not directly about accountability, a stronger local press could indirectly improve...
- Rights & Protections** (neutral) — Neutral impact.
This bill does not directly affect individual rights or protections.
- Who Bears the Cost** (hurts) — Taxpayers bear cost.
The state budget, funded by taxpayers, would cover the cost of the tax credit given to...
- Process Transparency** (neutral) — Standard process.
The bill was introduced and referred to committees, following standard legislative steps...

FOLLOW THE MONEY

- Pushing for it:** Local news companies
- Bearing the cost:** State budget/taxpayers

WHO'S BEHIND IT

Democrat-sponsored (OR / 2D)

Local Journalist Employment Tax Credit

Introduced · recorded 2026-01-23

This bill would give money back to local news companies that hire reporters, which could help keep local news alive.

Big Business

Official text (NM SB120) – <https://www.nmlegis.gov/Legislation/Legislation?chamber=S&legtype=B&legno=120&year=26>

LegiScan – SB120 – <https://legiscan.com/NM/bill/SB120/2026>

Live status, community verdicts and how your own reps voted — www.obillerate.com/bill/nm-sb120-092447

The Tougher Penalties Bill

Felons face tougher penalties for having guns

NM HB49 • Criminal Justice

7 /10 **LIBERATE**
Helps everyday people



WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

This bill would make communities safer by giving longer jail times to people who have committed serious crimes and are caught with guns. People who like this bill think it will stop crime and keep everyone safe. Others might worry about how fair it is to make punishments even tougher for people who have already served time. It is important to speak up now because the bill has passed one part of the government and is waiting...

WHY IT SCORES 7/10 — THE RECEIPTS

- Accountability** (neutral) — No direct impact on holding powerful entities accountable..
This bill focuses on criminal sentencing, not corporate or government accountability.
- Rights & Protections** (neutral) — Does not erode rights of ordinary citizens..
The bill increases penalties for a specific criminal act by individuals who have already...
- Who Bears the Cost** (neutral) — No direct cost shift onto ordinary consumers or taxpayers mentioned..
The bill does not specify any new costs shifted to the public, focusing on increased...
- Process Transparency** (neutral) — Follows standard legislative process..
The bill has moved through committee and a full chamber vote, indicating a standard...

FOLLOW THE MONEY

Pushing for it: Public safety advocates, potentially victims of gun violence
Bearing the cost: Individuals convicted of felonies who possess firearms

WHO'S BEHIND IT

Bipartisan sponsorship (2R / 5D)

HOW THEY VOTED

House • 2026-02-10 — passed
Yes 24R/30D • No 0R/9D

Increase Felon Firearm Penalty

Engrossed · recorded 2026-02-10

This bill would make it much harder for people who have committed serious crimes to have guns, meaning they would go to jail longer.

Everyday People

Official text (NM HB49) – <https://www.nmlegis.gov/Legislation/Legislation?chamber=H&legtype=B&legno=49&year=26>

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The Secret & Silence Bill

New Mexico bill bans secret and silence clauses

NM HB126 • Immunity & Accountability

6/10 **TOLERATE**
Mixed — some good, some bad



WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

People could speak up about bad service or unsafe work without fear of being silenced, while businesses lose a tool to hide problems.

WHY IT SCORES 6/10 — THE RECEIPTS

- Accountability (helps)** — increases ability to hold parties accountable.
removes silence clauses
- Rights & Protections (helps)** — expands free speech.
allows people to speak openly
- Who Bears the Cost (hurts)** — businesses may face more lawsuits.
cost shift to companies
- Process Transparency (neutral)** — no new transparency measures.
status unchanged

WHO'S BEHIND IT

Democrat-sponsored (OR / 2D)

THE BILL ITSELF

Prohibit Nondisclosure & Nondisparagement

NM HB126

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WHAT IT DOES

The bill would make it illegal to force people to keep quiet or stop them from speaking negatively about a job or product.

WHO IT'S WRITTEN FOR

Everyday People

READ IT YOURSELF

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