

Luna @ the Legislature



March 23, 2021

The 55th Legislature's regular session began on Jan. 19 and ended at noon March 20. Legislation not acted upon by the governor as of April 9 is pocket-vetoed. Legislation — other than general appropriation or bills carrying emergency clauses or other specified dates — goes into effect June 18.

Luna @ The Legislature, an initiative of the Luna Community College Office of Public Relations, provides a weekly update on the session to inform the campus community.

Legislation of particular interest to Luna Community College, filed as of publication deadline:

House Bill 2 General Appropriations Act, introduced Jan. 19 by Patricia Lundstrom ... Among other appropriations, sets aside \$867 million from general fund, \$672,300 from other state funds, \$52.9 million from internal service funds and interagency transfers, and \$10.8 million from federal funds to higher education department for spending or allocation to higher education agencies in fiscal year 2022 ... Amended version passed House 60-10; passed Senate 29-13; awaits action by governor.

HB 25 LESC Study of Public & Postsecondary Education, introduced Jan. 4 by G. Andres Romero ... Tasks Legislative Education Study Committee to study issues pertaining to public schools and public postsecondary education in New Mexico. Passed House 66-0; passed Senate 38-0; awaits action by governor.

HB 43 Black Education Act, introduced Jan. 5 by Sheryl Williams Stapleton ... Requires development of racial sensitivity and anti-racism training for public education and higher education. Amended version passed House 67-0; passed Senate 32-0; awaits action by governor.

HB 83 Change Graduation Requirements, introduced Jan. 13 by G. Andres Romero ... Calls for high school students receiving opportunity to prepare next-step plans to include curricular and course options such as dual credit, career pathways, college prep. Amended version passed House 66-1; now in Senate Education Committee.

HB 87 Yazzie Lawsuit Higher Ed Funding, introduced Jan. 14 by Derrick Lente ... Makes appropriations to state institutions of higher education and tribal colleges to comply with the Martinez & Yazzie v. New Mexico lawsuit by improving educational outcomes for certain students and families. Currently in House Appropriations & Finance Committee.

HB 100 College & Career Readiness Systems, introduced Jan. 15 by Raymundo Lara ... Funds \$3 million for college and career readiness systems statewide and sets requirements to receive funding. Amended version currently in House Appropriations & Finance Committee. (See also SB 107.)

HB 101 New Mexico Lottery Educational Assistance Act, introduced Jan. 15 by Raymundo Lara, Phelps Anderson, Randall Pettigrew, Steven Neville ... Adds certain other types of gaming as potential revenue sources for state lottery educational assistance program. Currently in House Education Committee.

HB 117 General Appropriations Act of 2021, introduced Jan. 19 by Patricia Lundstrom and Nathan Small ... Among other appropriations, funds \$6,984,200 for instruction and general purposes, \$1,866,600 other and \$453,200 athletics, along with \$483,800 student retention and completion, \$251,000 nurse expansion at Luna Community College. Currently in House Appropriations & Finance Committee. (See also SB 176.)

HB 131 Assistant Secretary of Hispanic Education, introduced Jan. 19 by Christine Trujillo ... Creates position of assistant secretary of Hispanic education in the Higher Education Department. Amended version passed House 44-19; now on Senate calendar for vote.

HB 133 College Hunger Reduction Pilot Program, introduced Jan. 19 by Joanne Ferrary, Karen Bash, Melanie Stansbury ... Appropriates \$100,000 to Higher Education Department for pilot program. Currently in House Appropriations & Finance Committee.

HB 142 School Task Force on Sexual Misconduct, introduced Jan. 25 by Elizabeth Thomson ... Creates task force on sexual misconduct, requires schools including colleges to adopt policies and procedures addressing sexual misconduct, assault, violence and harassment. Passed House 58-7; currently in Senate Judiciary Committee.

HB 217 Public health emergency lottery scholarships, introduced Feb. 2 by Micaela Lara Cadena ... Amends eligibility requirements for student to receive legislative lottery scholarship

during public health emergency. Amended version passed House 67-0; now on Senate calendar for vote.

HB 218 Student Loan Bill of Rights Act, introduced Feb. 2 by Patricia Roybal Caballero and Katy Duhigg... Enacts regulations over student loan servicers. Currently in House Judiciary Committee. (See also SB 164.)

HB 285 Capital Outlay Projects, introduced Feb. 16 by Javier Martinez ... Provides for severance tax bonds and includes \$103,500 to plan, design, construct, renovate, purchase, equip and install fire alarm systems campuswide at Luna Community College. Appropriates \$100,000 for vehicles, \$20,000 for LCC Mora welding program equipment. Also appropriates for educational retirement board facility work. Amended version passed House 70-0; passed Senate 39-0; awaits action by governor.

HB 289 College Faculty Minimum Wage, introduced Feb. 16 by Christine Trujillo ... Sets minimum wage and makes other provisions for non-tenure track faculty. Amended version currently on House calendar for vote.

HB 294 Gaming Revenue to Lottery Tuition Fund, introduced Feb. 18 by Derrick Lente ... Distributes a portion of the Indian gaming revenue to the lottery tuition fund. Currently in House Education Committee.

HB 297 Workforce and Economic Prosperity Act, introduced Feb. 18 by Angelica Rubio ... Creates Workforce and Economic Prosperity Council, creates council and mandates development of statewide framework to develop clean energy workforce and sustainable economy. Amended version withdrawn from House calendar, now in House Rules Committee.

HB 302 Financial Literacy for Graduation, introduced Feb. 18 by Cathrynn Brown and Gail Armstrong ... Creates financial literacy requirement for high school students, involving preparation of next-step plan to include exposure to college and career options, etc. Amended version currently in House Education Committee.

House Memorial 13 North NM Satellite Public Safety Training Center, introduced Feb. 18 by Andrea Romero. Requests Department of Public Safety to convene working group to discuss creation of a satellite law enforcement and first responder training center in northern New Mexico. Passed House 68-0; awaits action by governor.

Senate Bill 21 Retiree Health Care Act, introduced Jan. 19 by Roberto Gonzales and Natalie Figueroa ... Changes retiree health care act to conform to federal patient protection and Affordable Care Act. Amended version passed Senate 31-9; passed House 63-1; awaits action by governor.

SB 39 Names of Finalists for Executive Positions, introduced Jan. 19 by Bill Tallman ... Exempts records for certain appointive executive position applicants from public inspection pursuant to the Inspection of Public Records Act. Currently in Senate Judiciary Committee.

SB 42 Increase to Educational Retirement Contributions, introduced Jan. 19 by Mimi Stewart ... Increases certain contributions to the educational retirement fund. Amended version passed Senate 36-6; passed House 49-9; awaits action by governor.

SB 77 Two Plus Two Pilot Program, introduced Jan. 19 by Gay Kernan ... Creates regional Two Plus Two pilot project to establish seamless transition from community college to university and measure student and institutional outcomes. Passed Senate 37-0; passed House 64-0; awaits action by governor.

SB 94 Student Athlete Endorsement Act, introduced Jan. 19 by Mark Moores, Bill O'Neill and Antonio Maestas ... Changes limitations against student athletes earning compensation through use of their name, image or likeness. Amended version passed Senate 39-0; passed House 43-21; awaits action by governor.

SB 107 Career Readiness Systems Statewide, introduced Jan. 19 by Roberto Gonzales ... Funds \$3 million for college and career readiness systems statewide and sets requirements to receive funding. Currently in Senate Education Committee. (See also HB 100).

SB 135 Opportunity Scholarship Act, introduced Jan. 31 by Bill O'Neill and Joy Garratt ... Creates Opportunity Scholarship fund for two-year and four-year colleges and universities. Amended version passed Senate 36-4; sent to House.

SB 148 Diversity Commission, introduced Jan. 31 by Mimi Stewart ... Creates Commission on Diversity, Equity and Excellence in Education.

Amended version passed Senate 27-14; now in House Education Committee.

SB 151 Educational Loan Repayment, introduced Jan. 31 by David Gallegos ... Enacts Instructional Support Provider Loan Repayment Act. Currently in Senate Finance Committee.

SB 158 Career Job Readiness Programs Funding, introduced Jan. 31 by Pete Campos ... Appropriates \$575,000 to Workforce Solutions Department for job readiness programs for youth and adults. Currently in Senate Finance Committee.

SB 164 Student Loan Bill of Rights Act, introduced Jan. 31 by Katy Duhigg... Enacts regulations over student loan servicers. Currently in Senate Judiciary Committee. (See also HB 218.)

SB 165 NMFA Public Projects, introduced Jan. 31 by Shannon Pinto and Nancy Rodriguez ... Authorizes the New Mexico Finance Authority to make loans for public projects from the public project revolving fund available to various entities including Luna Community College for building, equipment, infrastructure, debt refinance, road, land acquisition, water, wastewater, water rights and solid waste projects. Currently in Senate Indian, Rural & Cultural Affairs Committee.

SB 169 Create Higher Ed Coordinating Council, introduced Jan. 31 by Roberto Gonzales ... Creates Higher Education Coordinating Council, gives HED sole authority to approve capital expenditures of state postsecondary institutions. Currently in Senate Finance Committee.

SB 176 General Appropriation Act of 2021, introduced Jan. 31 by George Munoz ... Among other appropriations, funds \$6,984,200 for instruction and general purposes, \$1,866,600 other and \$453,200 athletics, along with \$483,800 student retention and completion, \$251,000 nurse expansion at Luna Community College. Currently in Senate Finance Committee. (See also HB 117.)

SB 233 Student Bill of Rights, introduced Feb. 1 by Linda Lopez ... Enacts Student Bill of Rights for public school students and includes right to access counseling for vocational and other college information, among other rights. Currently in Senate Education Committee.

SB 240 Vocational Training Scholarship Act, introduced Feb. 1 by Cliff Pirtle. Appropriates \$2.55 million and authorizes scholarships for career technical education courses at community colleges ... Currently in Senate Finance Committee.

SB 253 Higher Education Department Libraries, introduced Feb. 1 by Shannon Pinto. Appropriates \$494,000 to HED for improvements in internet access in college and university libraries. Currently in Senate Education Committee.

SB 263 Adult Diploma Program Act, introduced Feb. 1 by Craig Brandt ... Establishes program and contract guidelines for provision of workforce diploma services. Currently in Senate Finance Committee.

SB 305 Capital Outlay Reform Act, introduced Feb. 1 by Pete Campos ... Creates committee, task force and capital planning & assistance division in DFA to consider capital projects. Currently in Senate Rules Committee.

SB 337 Workplace Preparation School Programs, introduced Feb. 10 by Roberto Gonzales ... Appropriates \$750,000 for academically integrated out-of-school and summer programs supporting college and career readiness; includes dual credit and other partnership with postsecondary institutions. Currently in Senate Education Committee.

SB 348 Employment Boot Camp Training, introduced Feb. 10 by Gerald Ortiz y Pino ... Appropriates \$3 million for Central New Mexico community college for development of intensive short-term boot camp training for unemployed and underemployed; curricula to be licensed to other New Mexico colleges. Currently in Senate Finance Committee.

SB 375 Officer Training & Certification, introduced Feb. 11 by George Munoz and Stuart Ingle ... Provides for new areas of emergency responder training, creates law enforcement certification board. Amended version passed Senate 38-0; passed House 68-0; awaits action by governor.

SB 390 Educational Retirees Returning to Work, introduced Feb. 17 by Mimi Stewart ... Amends regulations on return-to-work and retirement benefits for educational retirees. Currently in Senate Education Committee.

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