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Sponsoring Organization(s): Albuquerque Partnership	
Brief Description of Proposed Legislation: Increasing alcohol tax revenue is a viable solution to the budget crisis in New Mexico. We encourage our state legislature to consider a permanent increase of state alcohol excise taxes and to expand the local county option to Bernalillo County to allow for an increase in alcohol taxes.	
Background: The economic cost associated with alcohol in New Mexico in 2006 was estimated to be \$2.5 billion, while alcohol tax revenue from alcohol sales during that time was only \$97 million. Alcohol excise taxes benefit the public by curtailing alcohol abuse and by generating tax revenue. Significant increases in alcohol taxes show a decrease in consumption, especially among minors. A 10-cent increase in taxes for a liter of beer, wine, and spirits would generate an additional \$20 million in revenue for New Mexico. The New Mexico beer excise tax was last changed in 1993. If the tax had kept pace with inflation, revenue generated would be .61 cents per gallon instead of .41 cents per gallon for beer alone.	
Where is the issue in the Legislative Process?	<input type="checkbox"/> Still in planning/discussion phase <input type="checkbox"/> Presented to interim committees <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bill drafted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Have sponsor (Who? _____) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe)
Do you have someone (individual or organization) who will be lobbying for you on this initiative? No.	
What other organizations are you working with to support this legislation? Santa Fe Underage Drinking Prevention Alliance, NM Prevention Advocates	
What kind of support are you seeking for your proposal from NMPHA or other organizations?	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Send action alerts to membership/email lists. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sign on to endorsement letters. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Provide support in hearings, if possible. <input type="checkbox"/> No additional support needed at this time.	
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Sponsoring Organization(s): American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network	
Brief Description of Proposed Legislation. Increasing the cigarette tax rate; increasing the tobacco products tax rate; adjusting the distributions of cigarette tax; adjusting the discounts on cigarette stamp sales.	
Background: This legislation will increase the current cigarette tax rate from \$0.91 per pack (the national average is \$1.34) to \$1.91 per pack and the tax on other tobacco products from 25% to 40% of manufacturer's price. Currently each pack of cigarettes sold in New Mexico costs the state \$2.68 per pack in related health costs. Therefore, increasing the cigarette tax rate is a win-win-win situation. This increase stands to bring \$30 million in revenue to the state, reduce the number of young persons that begin smoking and reduce the depth of cuts needed to balance the budget by generating recurring revenue for the state.	
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Do you have someone (individual or organization) who will be lobbying for you on this initiative? No.	
What other organizations are you working with to support this legislation? American Heart Association, American Lung Association, AFSCME	
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Sponsoring Organization(s): Bernalillo County Community Health Council	
Brief Description of Proposed Legislation: \$20,000 to prepare a business plan for MyCommunityNM.org, to serve as the State's consolidated, on-line, bi-lingual inventory of health and social service resources. The plan will include: 1) An overview of the benefits to the State (direct/indirect cost savings, more complete information, systematic updates, user-friendly), 2) A market analysis (overview of duplication and information gaps, potential partner identification and benefits), 3) A financing plan (focusing on reallocating existing resources), and 4) Project management.	
Background: Many NM organizations maintain resource inventories to serve their constituencies; almost all are funded by public or non-profit organizations. Multiple efforts to collect and maintain resource information is costly in dollars and staff time, and has produced many duplicative, under-funded, incomplete, and out-of-date inventories. MyCommunityNM.org has been developed by organizations determined to reduce the cost and improve the quality of information they offer their constituencies. This partnership has resulted in a very cost-effective, flexible, consumer friendly system, which can meet the needs of most organizations. This project can serve all low-income residents and the organizations that serve them.	
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Do you have someone (individual or organization) who will be lobbying for you on this initiative? No.	
What other organizations are you working with to support this legislation? No formal agreements have been reached at this time. It is anticipated that a number of organizations will support this legislation.	
What kind of support are you seeking for your proposal from NMPHA or other organizations? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Send action alerts to membership/email lists. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sign on to endorsement letters. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Provide support in hearings, if possible. <input type="checkbox"/> No additional support needed at this time.	
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Sponsoring Organization(s): Drug Policy Alliance	
Brief Description of Proposed Legislation: Treatment Instead of Incarceration. New Mexico can embrace a public health approach to substance abuse instead of relying on the criminal justice system. Under this legislation, people arrested for drug possession or people with drug-related probation or parole violations would receive supervision and appropriate community-based treatment services in lieu of incarceration. Offering substance abuse treatment instead of incarceration would enhance public safety by reducing drug-related crime and save New Mexico taxpayers millions of dollars every year.	
Background: Rather than a system that sends people with addictions to jail or prison to learn how to commit more serious crimes, New Mexico could implement a public health policy that gets to the root of our substance abuse problems. Under this legislation, people charged with drug possession offenses or drug-related probation and parole violations could receive substance abuse treatment services instead of incarceration. This proposal could save New Mexico's taxpayers up to \$18,335,680 each year. In addition to saving money, this policy will improve public safety, and provide a more effective tool to address substance abuse in our communities.	
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Do you have someone (individual or organization) who will be lobbying for you on this initiative? Drug Policy Alliance Staff	
What other organizations are you working with to support this legislation? NM Nurses Association, NM NAACP, Rio Grande Foundation, NM Public Health Association, NM Criminal Defense Lawyers Association	
What kind of support are you seeking for your proposal from NMPHA or other organizations? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Send action alerts to membership/email lists. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sign on to endorsement letters. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Provide support in hearings, if possible. <input type="checkbox"/> No additional support needed at this time.	
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Sponsoring Organization(s): Drug Policy Alliance	
Brief Description of Proposed Legislation: This employment reentry proposal will 'ban the box' for state positions in New Mexico. By 'banning the box,' the question on state job applications asking if the person has ever been convicted of a felony will be removed. People with former convictions will be considered on equal status with other applicants and be given a better chance to find and secure employment.	
Background: To help remove some of the barriers people with criminal convictions face to successfully find and secure a job, we propose to "ban the box" in New Mexico. By "banning the box," the question on public job applications asking if the person has ever been convicted of a felony will be removed, and the inquiry postponed until the applicant reaches the finalist stage of the interview process.	
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Do you have someone (individual or organization) who will be lobbying for you on this initiative? Yes.	
What other organizations are you working with to support this legislation? Albuquerque Health Care for the Homeless, NM public Health Association, Coalition for Prisoners Rights, Families and Youth, Inc.	
What kind of support are you seeking for your proposal from NMPHA or other organizations?	
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Who is the contact for more information?	Name: Julie Roberts, Policy Coordinator
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Sponsoring Organization(s): EMS Region I (Santa Fe), Region II EMS (Las Cruces), EMS Region III (Clovis)	
Brief Description of Proposed Legislation: Proposed legislation will be written requiring a 1% fee on all New Mexico home, rental, and auto insurance policies for the purpose of creating dedicated annual funding for New Mexico's EMS and Trauma system in the amount of \$17.768 million.	
Background: The need for statewide Emergency Medical Services (EMS) continues to grow, especially for persons suffering life threatening strokes and heart attacks, as well as persons suffering significant traumatic injuries. New Mexico's EMS system has a significant financial need. The Governor's EMS System Task Force created by the 2007 House Memorial 20 has clearly defined the extent of this need. The Task Force found that the EMS Fund Act and EMS system is in need of an additional \$8,000,000 over the current funding level to assure the availability of EMS services needed by the residents of New Mexico. Two years earlier, the Trauma Task Force created for the 2005 House Memorial 20 found that New Mexico's Trauma System, through the Trauma Fund, was in need of \$30 million per year to sustain and grow our trauma care capabilities. The Trauma Fund, which received \$5.9 million in FY09, suffered a cut in the available funding for Fiscal Year 2010. Critical services offered by hospitals, EMS agencies, and other entities are in jeopardy. Finally, heart disease is the number one killer of New Mexicans, and stroke is the number one reason for disability. Yet programs to emergently treat and prevent these conditions have never been adequately funded. The time has come for dedicated and secure funding for these critical healthcare needs. While the funding levels recommended by the Governor's Task Forces for EMS and Trauma may be difficult to achieve in this economic environment, a modest compromise is necessary for the continued availability and future growth of our EMS and Trauma care systems. This dedicated, secure funding will protect and assure a robust EMS and Trauma system, establishing a legacy of primary and emergent healthcare for all residents of New Mexico - now and in the future.	
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Do you have someone (individual or organization) who will be lobbying for you on this initiative? American Heart Association, NM Hospital Association, Dr. Dale Kester, Jim Stover, EMS Director, Lincoln County EMS, Dr. Craig Rhyne, Barak Wolff, Cliff Rees, EMS Region I Board of Directors, Region II EMS Board of Directors, EMS Region III Board of Directors, Statewide EMS Advisory Committee, NM EMT Association, Dr. John Sloan, Dr. Phil Froman, Dr. Walter Simmons, EMS Legacy Act Viability Committee Group, and all personnel associated with EMS agencies and hospitals in NM.	
What other organizations are you working with to support this legislation? See above list.	
What kind of support are you seeking for your proposal from NMPHA or other organizations? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Send action alerts to membership/email lists. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sign on to endorsement letters. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Provide support in hearings, if possible. <input type="checkbox"/> No additional support needed at this time.	
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Sponsoring Organization(s): Health Action New Mexico – Health Care for All	
Brief Description of Proposed Legislation: Senate Memorial - Create a Health Care Reform Working Group. This Legislation would ask the Superintendent of Insurance to convene a health care reform working group to make recommendations to the Governor and the Legislature regarding implementing / supplementing federal health care reform. The working group would be made up of representatives from the Legislature and the Executive and would be chaired by the Superintendent of Insurance. They would conduct public meetings and would appoint advisory councils to advise them on specific aspects of health care reform.	
Background: Federal health care reform, in some form, will likely be passed by early next year. The federal reforms allocate many functions to the states. In order for New Mexico to get maximum benefit from the federal reforms we will need to act quickly and effectively. Also, there will most likely be gaps in the reforms that might have to be dealt with by the states.	
Where is the issue in the Legislative Process?	<input type="checkbox"/> Still in planning/discussion phase <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Presented to interim committees – endorsed by LHHSC <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bill drafted by LSC <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Have sponsor (Who? <u>Senator Feldman</u>) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (<i>please describe</i>)
Do you have someone (individual or organization) who will be lobbying for you on this initiative? Yes.	
What other organizations are you working with to support this legislation? All the organizations in the Health Care for All Coalition	
What kind of support are you seeking for your proposal from NMPHA or other organizations?	
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Sponsoring Organization(s): Hidalgo Medical Services (HMS)	
Brief Description of Proposed Legislation: The Hidalgo Accountable Health Initiative proposes to develop a model of health services delivery in Hidalgo County to cover all county residents based on an individual and community health outcomes-based payment system that supports a comprehensive, medical, dental, mental health and family support system.	
Background: Health care costs are out of control and people are sicker and dying simply because they don't fit into the American or New Mexican health care system. This proposal requests funds to design a new model for health services delivery that is inclusive, prevention and management oriented (as opposed to diagnosis and treatment oriented) and designed to provide incentives for keeping people healthy.	
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Do you have someone (individual or organization) who will be lobbying for you on this initiative? Yes. Charlie Alfero	
What other organizations are you working with to support this legislation? UNM Office of the Vice President for Community Health, Hidalgo County Health Consortium, Hidalgo County government, Sec. of DOH and HSD, Molina Health Care, Sen. Tom Udall, Sen. Jeff Bingaman	
What kind of support are you seeking for your proposal from NMPHA or other organizations? <input type="checkbox"/> Send action alerts to membership/email lists. <input type="checkbox"/> Sign on to endorsement letters. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Provide support in hearings, if possible. <input type="checkbox"/> No additional support needed at this time.	
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Sponsoring Organization(s): New Mexico Advocates for Treatment Solutions	
Brief Description of Proposed Legislation: Adults with mental illness, many mental health professionals and organizations oppose legislation creating an involuntary outpatient commitment law. Such legislation would identify people with mental illness for involuntary treatment orders in the community without requiring any history of involvement with the police or criminal justice system. New Mexico's mental health system is fragile and fragmented; this would further drain our limited resources. Successful mental health treatment includes accessible, voluntary, integrated and properly funded community services.	
Background: Involuntary Outpatient Commitment ("Kendra's Law") is wrong for several reasons: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. It casts too broad a net trying to "capture" those with mental illness who may "sometime in the future" be a danger to themselves or someone else, and would not have identified those previous legislation said it was created to catch; 2. SAMHSA doesn't recognize it as a "best practice"; 3. It drains resources from NM's already fragile and fragmented mental health system for enforcement; 4. It fails to address the need for an adequate community mental health system by either building infrastructure or providing additional funding. 	
Where is the issue in the Legislative Process?	<input type="checkbox"/> Still in planning/discussion phase <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Presented to interim committees <input type="checkbox"/> Bill drafted <input type="checkbox"/> Have sponsor (Who? _____) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe)
Do you have someone (individual or organization) who will be lobbying for you on this initiative? Yes. Disability Rights New Mexico	
What other organizations are you working with to support this legislation? NM Advocates for Treatment Solutions, Albuquerque Health Care for the Homeless, NM Psychosocial Rehab. Association, NM Psychological Association, People Living with Brain Injuries, Bernalillo County Local Collaborative, ACLU	
What kind of support are you seeking for your proposal from NMPHA or other organizations? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Send action alerts to membership/email lists. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sign on to endorsement letters. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Provide support in hearings, if possible. <input type="checkbox"/> No additional support needed at this time. 	
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Sponsoring Organization(s): New Mexico Alliance for School-Based Health Care	
Brief Description of Proposed Legislation: This is not proposed legislation at this time. We are working to identify core characteristics of a sustainable school-based health center (SBHC), including in the context of a full-service community school. The purpose is to focus energy and resources on those SBHCs that have the greatest chance of being sustainable—those that are strong and currently sustained and those that can become sustained with technical assistance few additional resources.	
Background: SBHCs are becoming an increasingly important component of the health delivery system for youth. SBHC financial and community support varies widely. Core characteristics for sustainability are in workforce development, funding and resources, policy (local, state, and federal), integration (family and community support), and quality. Once identified, these characteristics must be nourished for the long-term maintenance and expansion of SBHCs.	
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Do you have someone (individual or organization) who will be lobbying for you on this initiative? Yes. Various—including ourselves.	
What other organizations are you working with to support this legislation? NM Community Foundation, Elev8 Program; National Assembly for School-Based Health Care; NM Departments of Health, Human Services, Public Education and Children, Youth and Families; Apex Education, Inc.; UNM Departments of Pediatrics (Envision NM) and Psychiatry (Center for Rural and Community Behavioral Health); Offices of Senators Bingaman and Udall and Congressman Heinrich	
What kind of support are you seeking for your proposal from NMPHA or other organizations? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Send action alerts to membership/email lists. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sign on to endorsement letters. <input type="checkbox"/> Provide support in hearings, if possible. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: <u>Participate in focus groups, etc.</u>	
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Sponsoring Organization(s): New Mexico Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice	
Brief Description of Proposed Legislation: Permitting biomedical research on limited categories of human embryonic stem cells.	
Background: An estimated one hundred twenty-eight million Americans suffer from the crippling physical, economic and psychological burdens of chronic, degenerative and acute diseases. Human embryonic stem cell research and other biomedical research in the life sciences and regenerative medicine present a significant chance of yielding fundamental biological knowledge from which may emanate therapies to relieve, on a large scale, human suffering from disease and injury.	
Where is the issue in the Legislative Process?	<input type="checkbox"/> Still in planning/discussion phase <input type="checkbox"/> Presented to interim committees <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bill drafted <input type="checkbox"/> Have sponsor (Who? _____) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: <u>We don't know yet if the Governor will put the bill on his call for 2010</u>
Do you have someone (individual or organization) who will be lobbying for you on this initiative? Joan Lamunyon Sanford, Executive Director, NMRCRC	
What other organizations are you working with to support this legislation? None yet, all support is welcome.	
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Sponsoring Organization(s): New Mexico Pediatric Society	
Brief Description of Proposed Legislation: The Institute of Medicine along with the American Academy of Pediatrics has recommended a tax on soda to both fight the epidemic of childhood obesity and to raise needed state funds for health programs.	
Background: Research from tobacco taxes has shown that increased cost reduced consumption as well as raised funds for health programs. The exact wording of a bill is still in the development phase.	
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Do you have someone (individual or organization) who will be lobbying for you on this initiative? Yes. Members of the NM Pediatric Society.	
What other organizations are you working with to support this legislation? We are just in the early stages of looking for support. The NM Pediatric Society has worked with Voices for Children and the NM Medical Society in the past on children's health issues. I expect to work with them on this issue as well	
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Sponsoring Organization(s): New Mexico Teen Pregnancy Coalition	
Brief Description of Proposed Legislation: Senate Memorial requesting the NMDOH, PED, CYFD, NM Work Force Solutions, HSD, NM Forum for Youth, Children’s Cabinet, New Mexico Teen Pregnancy Coalition, County and local governments (especially those counties with the highest adolescent birth rates and community-based organizations) to convene a working group to develop one well-planned, comprehensive strategy for reducing adolescent births, to address the issue of unintended pregnancy and to improve reproductive health outcomes for our youth. In addition, the working group will develop a continuum of prevention services to prevent adolescent births and provide support to parenting adolescents.	
Background: NM has the second highest adolescent birth rate in the country. The number of young women and men having babies affects the poverty rate in NM. In addition, young parents often struggle to adequately meet the needs of their children. While reducing teen pregnancy has been a priority in our current administration, a need exists to develop a plan that includes all state departments and local governments so that coordination and collaboration is maximized.	
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Do you have someone (individual or organization) who will be lobbying for you on this initiative? No.	
What other organizations are you working with to support this legislation? Our hope is to include all community-based organizations currently working on this issue: Young Women United, Planned Parenthood NM, NM Forum for Youth, New Mexico Men’s Council, NM Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice, Southwest Women's Law Center.	
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LEGISLATIVE PROPOSAL INFORMATION FORM

Sponsoring Organization(s): Think New Mexico	
Brief Description of Proposed Legislation: Limit the size of new public schools built in New Mexico to no more than 400 students for elementary and middle schools and to no more than 900 students for high schools. In addition, incentivize existing large schools to establish smaller schools within schools or smaller learning communities. These reforms will be accomplished by amending the existing public school construction fund, so no new appropriation is required.	
Background: Small schools improve student health by keeping kids safe: A U.S. Department of Education study found that 33% of schools larger than 1,000 reported serious violent crimes, compared with 4-9% in small and medium-sized schools. Small schools also have less student alienation, higher student achievement (particularly among low-income and minority students), and significantly higher graduation rates. High school graduates benefit from higher incomes and lower unemployment rates than dropouts, which lead to better long-term health outcomes. Think New Mexico's legislation will help all children attending New Mexico's public schools by making those schools small, safe environments where students can succeed.	
Where is the issue in the Legislative Process?	<input type="checkbox"/> Still in planning/discussion phase <input type="checkbox"/> Presented to interim committees <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bill drafted <input type="checkbox"/> Have sponsor (Who? _____) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe)
Do you have someone (individual or organization) who will be lobbying for you on this initiative? Yes. Think New Mexico's staff members.	
What other organizations are you working with to support this legislation? We are working to build on the diverse coalition of supporters we mobilized in support of this effort over the past year, including national education reform organizations (Coalition of Essential Schools; Rural School & Community Trust) New Mexico education organizations (Center for the Education & Study of Diverse Populations; ENLACE-Engaging Latino Families in Education; NEA-NM; New Mexico Coalition of Charter Schools; Re:Learning New Mexico), business groups (African American Chamber of Commerce of New Mexico; New Voice of Business; Santa Fe Alliance); civic groups (American Association of University Women; New Mexico Conference of Catholic Bishops; Farm to Table; New Mexico Forum for Youth; Santa Fe Community Foundation), environmental organizations (Conservation Voters New Mexico; Earth Care International), and public health advocates (New Mexico Public Health Association; St. Joseph Community Health).	
What kind of support are you seeking for your proposal from NMPHA or other organizations?	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Send action alerts to membership/email lists. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sign on to endorsement letters. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Provide support in hearings, if possible. <input type="checkbox"/> No additional support needed at this time.	
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