

Employee Council

Legislative Update

November 15, 2016



- State Revenue Outlook
- 2016 Special Legislative Session
- Election
- NMSU Priorities



2016 Special Session

- Governor issued a proclamation calling the Fifty-Second Legislature into a special session at 12:00 PM on September 30, 2016
- The purpose was to enact legislation related to budgets for FY16 and FY17 and consider and enact legislation related to criminal sentencing
- Only 7 bills were enacted by both houses and all related to budget



2016 Special Session

- All 7 bills were signed by the Governor and included line item vetoes on some bills
- As a result of the enactment of the bills
 - FY16 was balanced
 - FY17 was balanced with reserves of \$30.4 million (emergency savings account)
 - FY18 projected "New Money" of -\$21.8 million
- New revenue estimate will be released in December



Election

- November 1952, House Republicans picked up 19 seats and took over the majority with a 1 seat margin (28-27)
- November 1954, House Democrats took back control by winning 24 seats and had held a 51-4 margin at the start of the 22nd Legislative Session
- November 2014, House Republicans took over the majority with a 37-33 margin
- November 2016, House Democrats take back control with a 38-32 margin
- Senate Democrats also gained 2 seats for a 26-16 margin
- Both Bonds “B” and “C” passed



60 Day Session

- In even numbered years the legislature meets for 30 days and only fiscal related legislation is germane unless the Governor decides to address specific policy issues
- In odd numbered years the legislature meets for 60 days and all legislation (fiscal and policy) is germane to the session
- General Obligation Bonds (GOB) for capital outlay are authorized during a 30 day session and will also have to be approved by the voters



Legislative Session Interface With OGR

- How you can help the Office of Government Relations?
 - Rumors
 - Discussions with policy makers and/or staff
 - Traveling to Santa Fe during the legislative session
 - Notify us of bills that may impact NMSU



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