

# Legislative Liaison Report

For

JANUARY 2021

## ➤ **New Mexico 2021 Legislative Session**

- The 55<sup>th</sup> Legislative session meets from January 19<sup>th</sup> at noon until March 20<sup>th</sup> at noon.
  - Legislation can be pre-filed from January 4<sup>th</sup> until January 15<sup>th</sup>.
  - Discussions are ongoing to determine how the 2021 session will be conducted.
  - Los Alamos National Laboratory has completed a modeling study that has several recommendations to conduct a session and minimize the risk. Some of the recommendations are: Hold a 14 day session, holding virtual committee meetings, holding committee meetings in the Santa Fe Convention Center, limiting attendance on the floor
    - House Speaker Egolf said that a session could be held safely.
    - House Minority Leader Townsend said the safest option is to hold a limited session dedicated to the budget and other work that must be handled immediately and a broader session later once vaccines are widely available. Virtual committee meetings restrict public input.
  - The Legislative Council is scheduled to meet the week of December 28<sup>th</sup> to finalize the session format
  - The Roundhouse is closed to the public.
  - **Additional information is available in the Mail Call newsletter**
  - As new information becomes available, I will send to Mike Cochrane and Karen brown to send out on Mail Chimp.
- The New Mexico Military/Veterans Leadership Council will meet before start of the legislative session to finalize strategy and develop ways to contact the legislators.