



## Economist

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The **Legislative Finance Committee (LFC)** is recruiting to fill an **Economist** position. We are recruiting for motivated professionals who are interested in economics and public policy. Economists are responsible for revenue forecasting, cost estimation, analyzing policy and making policy recommendations.

Economists collaborate with executive revenue estimators to forecast the state's revenues and evaluate the state's fiscal standing. Economists develop personal relationships with state agency leadership, Legislators, and public stakeholders. Economists are expected to travel the state to observe and assess policy implications. Staff findings are reported to the LFC and are considered in the development of legislation. During legislative sessions, economists will work with agency staff and create models to produce fiscal impact reports for all assigned legislation. These reports summarize the bills, flag potential policy and legal issues, and estimate cost of implementation.

Economists have a high degree of autonomy and are expected to become an expert in their assigned policy area, develop their own work plan, schedule meetings and site visits, and produce regular reports on policy and financial issues. In addition, economists work with agency staff to verify policy performance and help shape programmatic priorities. While most work is done independently, economists collaborate with other LFC staff and work closely with the Chief Economist on assigned projects. Economists are responsible for developing committee briefing materials, recommendations, and presentations to the Legislature.

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### **Essential Qualifications**

- An undergraduate degree in an appropriate field with foundational courses in economics;
- Strong written and oral communication skills;
- Familiarity with Microsoft products (Word, Excel, and PowerPoint);
- Ability to work independently.

### **Preferred Qualifications**

- Master's or other advanced degree in a relevant field;
- Experience in time-series and econometric forecasting;
- Experience in policy analysis;
- Legislative experience.

### **Compensation and Reporting Relationship**

Economists work under the direction of the Chief Economist and the Director of LFC. This position

is exempt from civil service law and is non-partisan. Annual compensation reflects the marketplace, depends on qualifications, and includes a comprehensive benefits package available to all state employees.

### **Application Procedure**

Persons interested in the LFC positions should submit the following information:

- 1) letter of interest specifically addressing the qualifications described in this announcement;
- 2) current resume;
- 3) a writing sample; and a
- 4) list of professional references.

Application packages should be sent via email to: [Annamae.Montoya@nmlegis.gov](mailto:Annamae.Montoya@nmlegis.gov)

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**Application Deadline:**  
April 7, 2023

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