

MINUTES
Legislative Education Study Committee
State Capitol, Senate Chambers
Santa Fe, New Mexico
January 17, 2022

Monday, January 17

The following voting and advisory committee members were present Voting: Chair William P. Soules, Vice Chair G. Andrés Romero, and Representatives Christine Trujillo, and Susan K. Herrera.

Advisory: Representatives Debra M. Sariñana, Joy Garratt, Natalie Figueroa, and Raymundo Lara, and Senators David M. Gallegos, and Shannon D. Pinto.

Call to Order, Introductions, and Approval of January Agenda and January 6-7 Minutes. Chair Soules called the meeting to order and facilitated introductions of LESC members. Chair Soules also called for the approval of the meeting agenda.

LESC Budget Framework. Joseph Simon, Principal Analyst, Legislative Education Study Committee (LESC), discussed changes that were made to the LESC budget framework, including highlighting appropriations for the Hispanic Education Act and reclassifying appropriations for the Teacher Residency Fund as a recurring expense rather than an appropriation request from the Public Education Reform Fund.

Members asked about the mechanisms and sufficiency of the recommendation for raising teacher and staff salaries, how participation in Extended Learning Time would impact teacher compensation, and whether the LESC budget framework or Legislative Finance Committee (LFC) budget recommendation would require changes in existing statute.

Committee Endorsed Legislation. Joseph Simon, Principal Analyst, LESC presented bill drafts for two bills the committee considered for endorsement. The following bills were considered for endorsement; however, they were not endorsed due to a lack of a quorum:

- A bill that would amend the Public School Capital Outlay Improvements Act, commonly known as "SB9," state funding calculation to increase capital outlay funding for all school districts.
- A bill that proposes adjusting reporting deadlines for school districts, charter schools, and the Public Education Department to allow additional time for budget development and analysis prior to the legislation session.

Director's Report. Vanessa Hawker, acting director, LESC requested approval of the LESC annual report from the chair and vice chair. The report will be finalized and printed for distribution.

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