UPCOMING 2019 NEW MEXICO LEGISLATIVE SESSION

GREETINGS UNM RETIREE ASSOCIATION MEMBERS,

The 2019, 60-day New Mexico Legislative Session begins Tuesday, January 15. Senate Bill 14, titled Educational Retirement Changes, was filed on December 17. Senator Stuart Ingle and Representative Tomas Salazar are sponsoring the bill. The bill does not include any change, pause or elimination of the ERB Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA). Our goal is to keep it that way.

During the session, the UNM RA Board’s focus is to preserve your ERB COLA. We will be calling on our members to assist us in this effort. While we are hopeful the ERB COLA will not be challenged this year, it is impossible to predict with any certainty that it will not be threatened once again. Anything can happen in a 60-day session.

If we find your COLA is at risk, we will notify you by email. For maximum effectiveness, you will be asked to contact your legislator and other key lawmakers promptly by either phone, email or text. To prepare for when this time comes, important contact information is listed below. Know who your district senator and house representative are and how to contact them before that day arrives. You can also sign up for legislative updates with the UNM Office of Government and Community relations – https://govrel.unm.edu/updates/index.html.

There will be several opportunities to join other UNM Retiree Association members at the State Roundhouse to meet with legislators. Our first such gathering is Monday, January 28 for UNM Lobos at the Roundhouse. Please let Dubra Karnes-Padilla dubrakp@gmail.com know if you are interested in participating that day. You will receive more information by email as the date gets closer.

2019 LEGISLATIVE SESSION CALENDAR:

- Monday, December 17, 2018 – Friday, January 11 - Legislation may be pre-filed
- Tuesday, January 15 - Opening day (noon)
- Thursday, February 14 - Deadline for introduction (Note: a legislation, dummy bill can be introduced at any time.)
- Friday, March 16 - Session ends (noon)
- Monday, April 5 - Legislation not acted upon by governor is pocket vetoed
June 14 - The effective date of legislation, not a general appropriation bill or a bill carrying an emergency clause or other specified date

IMPORTANT NEW MEXICO “ROUND HOUSE” CAPITOL INFORMATION:

- Round House Address - 490 Old Santa Fe Trail, & FREE parking garage at 420 Galisteo St.
- NEW MEXICO LEGISLATURE - www.nmlegis.gov or TWITTER - #nmlegis
- FIND YOUR LEGISLATOR - https://nmlegis.gov/Members/Find_My_Legislator
- FIND YOUR LEGISLATOR BY ADDRESS - https://www.nmlegis.gov/Members/Find_By_Address
- BILL FINDER - https://nmlegis.gov/Legislation/Bill_Finder
- MY ROUNDHOUSE - nmlegis.gov/lcs/roundhouse/
- TO LOCATE LIVE WEBCASTING GO TO - nmlegis.gov – HIT WEBCAST TAB
- CAPITOL SWITCHBOARD - (505-986-4300)
- OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR – (505-476-2200) & www.governor.state.nm.us
- LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL - (505-986-4600)
- TWITTER - #nmlegis

UNM OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS:

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See you at the Roundhouse!

Sincerely,
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