

Legislative Update January 27, 2019
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This year's legislature is off to a quick start. House Bill 1 "Feed Bill", which funds the session, has passed both the House and Senate. No government shut down here! Quite the opposite, committees are well into their bill consideration calendars and usual controversial bills have passed their first committee assignments along party lines. Some notable committee decisions:

HB 89 Health Coverage for Contraception (Rep. Deborah Armstrong)

This bill received a **Do Pass** in House Consumer and Public Affairs Committee on January 22nd.

This bill would require health plans to cover medications and clinical services related to contraceptive health.

HB 51 Decriminalize Abortion (Reps. Joanne Ferrary, Georgene Louis) (Sen. Linda Lopez)

This bill was substituted in House Consumer and Public Affairs Committee and the substitute bill received a **Do Pass** in House Consumer and Public Affairs Committee on January 26th. The substitute bill is not yet published on nmlegis.gov. Details of the substitute bill's changes to the original bill will be given in future updates.

This substitute bill would repeal NM laws that criminalize abortion; *Sections 30-5-1 through 30-5-3 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1969, Chapter 67, Sections 1 through 3)*

HB 8 Background Check for Fire Arm Sales (Reps. Sarinana, Roybal-Caballero, Garratt, Figueroa)

This bill received a **Do Pass** on January 24th in House Consumer and Public Affairs Committee.

The bill would require federal instant background checks on sales of firearms.

The following bills of interest to the AFP have been or will be introduced:

SB 290 Medicaid Home Visiting Services and Council (Sen. Gerry Ortiz y Pino)

This bill would establish a Home Visiting Advisory Council and require the Secretary of the Human Services Department to establish home visiting services to improve the health and development of New Mexico children and families.

According to advocates, the Medicaid Buy-In bill should be introduced Monday or Tuesday.