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DATE: January 14, 2020
TO: NMSU Employees
FROM: Chancellor Dan Arvizu
SUBJECT: Upcoming 2020 Legislative Session

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This year's session of the New Mexico Legislature will begin on January 21 and will run until February 20. During this time, NMSU faculty or staff may be contacted and asked to review and comment on legislation, or perhaps testify before a legislative committee.

NMSU's Office of Government Relations (OGR) is tasked with being the university's representatives and principal contact with all legislative members, government officials, and their respective staff.

In all things legislative, please coordinate any legislative visit, testimony or other activities, during any time of the year, through OGR. If you are contacted by a legislative committee, legislator, or any other such entity, please inform OGR of any communication. This helps to present a unified and cohesive front by New Mexico State University to our legislators.

The determination of NMSU's legislative strategies and requests is an intensive process that spans over several months prior to the legislative session. To understand NMSU's legislative priorities, you can find them on the Office of Government Relations' website: <https://govrelations.nmsu.edu/>. During the legislative session you can also find regular updates and a bill tracking list on the OGR website.

In addition, if you are contacted by OGR staff requesting your analysis of legislation, please treat the requests as urgent and consider it a priority to complete and return the analysis within the time specified. Typically, OGR is under the strict deadline of 24 hours to submit the analysis to the legislature, which could be critical to the bill's impact to NMSU.

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Thank you for helping with this important task.