

# ***IBEW 611 and the New Mexico Building Trades Council***

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**Bill:** ***HB82 Tabled House Labor Committee 6-5***  
**Sponsors:** Crowder (R64)  
**Title:** CUT WORKERS' COMPENSATION FEE IMPOSED ON EMPLOYEES  
**Summary:** Slashes the quarterly workers' compensation fee imposed on employees from \$2 to \$1.50, apparently effective with the quarter ending June 30, 2018. The fee imposed on employers remains at \$2.30 per employee per quarter.  
**Progress:** Introduced  
**Status:** 01/16/2018 – House Rules and Order of Business Committee  
**History:** 01/16/2018—H Introduced and referred to House Rules & Order of Business.

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**Bill:** ***HB169 Tabled House Labor Committee 6-5***  
**Sponsors:** Scott (R62)  
**Title:** EMPLOYEE PREFERENCE ACT: RIGHT-TO-WORK  
**Summary:** (Identical to 2017 HB432, 2016 SB269, 2015 HB75, similar to, 2015 SB103, related to 2017 SB483, 2015 SB92, SB93 and SB664) A right-to-work measure, cited as the Employee Preference Act, which provides that no person may be required, as a condition of employment, to become or to remain a member of, nor pay any dues, fees or charges of any kind to, a labor organization. Provides that an employer may not require a person to be recommended, approved or cleared by a labor organization as a condition of hiring, promotion or continued employment.  
**Progress:** 1st House: Referred to Committee  
**Status:** 01/25/2018 – House Labor and Economic Development Committee  
**History:** 01/23/2018—H Introduced and referred to House Rules & Order of Business.  
01/25/2018—H reported germane by House Rules & Order of Business.  
01/25/2018—H Also referred to House Labor & Economic Development.  
01/25/2018—H Also referred to House Consumer & Public Affairs.  
01/25/2018—H Also referred to House Judiciary.

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**Bill:** ***HB189 Tabled House Labor Committee 6-5***  
**Sponsors:** Youngblood (R68)  
**Title:** STATE PREEMPTION IN PRIVATE SECTOR EMPLOYMENT LAW  
**Summary:** (Identical to 2017 SB415, SB488). Relates to employment; declares the supremacy of state law in regulating employment in the state. Applies to a political subdivision of the state, including a home rule municipality or a state institution.  
**Progress:** 1st House: Referred to Committee  
**Status:** 01/26/2018 – House Labor and Economic Development Committee  
**History:** 01/24/2018—H Introduced and referred to House Rules & Order of Business.  
01/26/2018—H Reported germane by House Rules & Order of Business.  
01/26/2018—H Also referred to House Labor & Economic Development.  
01/26/2018—H Also referred to House Judiciary.

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**Bill:** ***HB192 Dead Not heard in House State Government, Indian, and Veterans Affairs Committee***  
**Sponsors:** Scott (R62)  
**Title:** ABOLISHES PUBLIC WORKS MINIMUM WAGE AND EMPLOYER TRAINING CONTRIBUTIONS  
**Summary:** (Related to 2017 HB213, 2015 HB110, 2015 HB200). Abolishes the Public Works Minimum Wage Act and certain provisions of the Public Works Apprentice and Training Act. Updates agency names to indicate that the Workforce Solutions Department's Labor Relations Division administers the acts and the Office of Apprenticeship of the U.S. Department of Labor has replaced the Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training at the federal level. Contains an appropriation for apprenticeship training programs.  
**Progress:** 1st House: Referred to Committee  
**Status:** 01/26/2018 – House State Government, Indian and Veteran Affairs Committee  
**History:** 01/24/2018—H Introduced and referred to House Rules & Order of Business.  
01/26/2018—H Reported germane by House Rules & Order of Business.  
01/26/2018—H Also referred to House State Government, Indian and Veteran Affairs.  
01/26/2018—H Also referred to House Consumer & Public Affairs.  
01/26/2018—H Also referred to House Judiciary.

**Bill:** *HJM5 Tabled House Labor 6-5*

**Sponsors:** Crowder (R64)

**Title:** WORKER'S COMPENSATION SYSTEM STUDY

**Summary:** Calls upon the Workers' Compensation Administration Commission to conduct an independent study in 2018 and at least every five years after that to review other states' workers' compensation trends and initiatives and to develop recommendations for improving the Workers' Compensation System in New Mexico.

**Progress:** Introduced

**Status:** 01/16/2018 – House Labor and Economic Development Committee

**History:** 01/16/2018—H Introduced and referred to House Labor & Economic Development.

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**Bill:** *SB179 Tabled Senate Public Affairs Committee 5-2, 1 absent*

**Sponsors:** Ingle (R27)

**Title:** EMPLOYEE PREFERENCE ACT (**Senate version of RTW**)

**Summary:** (Duplicate of 2018 HB169; identical to 2017 HB432, 2016 SB269, 2015 HB75, similar to, 2015 SB103, related to 2017 SB483, 2015 SB92, SB93 and SB664) A right-to-work measure, cited as the Employee Preference Act, which provides that no person may be required, as a condition of employment, to become or to remain a member of, nor pay any dues, fees or charges of any kind to, a labor organization. Provides that an employer may not require a person to be recommended, approved or cleared by a labor organization as a condition of hiring, promotion or continued employment.

**Progress:** 1st House: Reported from Committees

**Status:** 01/26/2018 – Senate Public Affairs Committee

**History:** 01/24/2018—S Introduced and referred to Senate Committee's Committee.

01/24/2018—S Also referred to Senate Public Affairs.

01/24/2018—S Also referred to Senate Judiciary.

01/26/2018—S Reported germane by Senate Committee's Committee.

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**Bill:** *HB80 Not Heard*

**Sponsors:** Gonzales (D42)

**Title:** ABANDON PNM COAL-FIRED GENERATING PLANT: ENERGY REDEVELOPMENT BONDS

**Summary:** (Duplicate of 2018 SB47) Cited as the Energy Redevelopment Bond Act, contemplates the issuance of a series of 25-year bonds to finance or refinance energy redevelopment costs associated with the abandonment of PNM's coal-fired generating plant. Energy redevelopment charges will be paid by electric utility customers, to be collected by the utility or a collection agent, for the recovery of energy redevelopment costs and financing costs—which include but are not limited to costs associated with reclamation of coal mines, decommissioning, contract termination fees, engineering work, severance pay, job training and the undepreciated investment of abandoned property.

**Progress:** 1st House: Reported from Committees

**Status:** 01/24/2018 – House Consumer and Public Affairs Committee

**History:** 01/16/2018—H Introduced and referred to House Rules & Order of Business.

01/24/2018—H Reported germane by House Rules & Order of Business.

01/24/2018—H Also referred to House Consumer & Public Affairs.

01/24/2018—H Also referred to House Energy, Environment & Natural Resources.

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**Bill:** *SB47 Tabled Senate Conservation Committee*

**Sponsors:** Candelaria (D26); Montoya (R1)

**Title:** ABANDON PNM COAL-FIRED GENERATING PLANT: ENERGY REDEVELOPMENT BONDS

**Summary:** Cited as the Energy Redevelopment Bond Act, contemplates the issuance of a series of 25-year bonds to finance or refinance energy redevelopment costs associated with the abandonment of PNM's coal-fired generating plant. Energy redevelopment charges will be paid by electric utility customers, to be collected by the utility or a collection agent, for the recovery of energy redevelopment costs and financing costs—which include but are not limited to costs associated with reclamation of coal mines, decommissioning, contract termination fees, engineering work, severance pay, job training and the undepreciated investment of abandoned property.

**Progress:** 1st House: Reported from Committees

**Status:** 01/18/2018 – Senate Conservation Committee

**History:** 01/17/2018—S Introduced and referred to Senate Committee's Committee.

01/17/2018—S Also referred to Senate Conservation.

01/17/2018—S Also referred to Senate Corporations & Transportation.

01/18/2018—S Reported germane by Senate Committee's Committee.