

Legislative Discussion – Deming, NM

NFIB & DLCED Event

1275 E. Pine St.

November 1, 2023

5:30 PM

Meeting Follow Up

*Thank you for attending the conversation with Senator Siah-Correa Hemphill and Representative Luis Terrazas. Attached are some follow-ups from the meeting that we felt would be relevant! Below are the legislators committee and contact information. Luna County Representatives are in **GREEN**.*

Legislator Information

- **Senator Siah Correa-Hemphill (D) –District 28**

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Standing Committees:

- Senate Finance
- Senate Committee's Committee

Interim Committee Membership:

- Science Technology & Communications
- Legislative Finance
- Economic & Rural Development Policy
- NM Finance Authority Oversight
- Legislative Education Study
- Legislative Health & Human Services

- **Representative Luis Terrazas (R)—District 39**

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Standing Committees:

- House Rural Development, Land Grants and Cultural Affairs
- House Labor, Veterans', and Military Affairs

Interim Committee Membership:

- Military & Veterans' Affairs
- NM Finance Authority Oversight
- Land Grant
- Mortgage Finance Authority Act Oversight
- Tobacco Settlement Revenue Oversight
- Legislative Finance
- Water & Natural Resources

- **Senator Crystal Diamond Brantley (R) – District 35**

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Standing Committees:

- Senate Finance

Interim Committee Membership:

- Economic & Rural Development Policy
- Interim Legislative Ethics
- Land Grant
- Water & Natural Resources
- Legislative Finance

- **Representative Jennifer Jones (R) – District 32**

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Standing Committees:

- House Health & Human Services
- House Transportation, Public Works & Capital Improvements
- House Enrolling & Engrossing – B

Interim Committee Membership:

- Economic & Rural Development Policy
- Legislative Health & Human Services
- Transportation Infrastructure Revenue Subcommittee
- Legislative Education Study
- Science, Technology, & Telecommunications

[House Redistricted Maps- Link](#)

[Senate Redistricted Maps - Link](#)

Issues Impacting Small Business in Deming, Luna County

1. Workforce
 - Lack of participation throughout NM, but specifically in Luna County.
 - Policy needs to shape an incentivized workforce system.
 - Under federal law, SNAP benefits require individuals to maintain 20 hrs. a week of employment. Small businesses have been told that NM is exempt from this requirement, leading to disincentivized workforce.
2. Reimbursements for occupational therapists and physical therapists not currently included in overall reimbursements for hospitals/nurses/physicians, etc.
3. CID continues to be a problem for small business in rural NM. We need to look at amendments that allow for regional options that support rural small businesses.
4. Border security as it relates to commerce transactions in the agricultural and other industries.

In general discussion after the meeting, there were concerns brought up regarding the Taylor Grazing Act. The BLM is actively revoking leases from ranchers and giving them to renewables. This is a huge hit to the ag community in Hidalgo and Luna County.

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