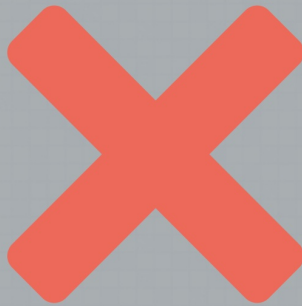


LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

"There is no such thing as a single-issue struggle because we don't live single-issue lives." Audre Lorde

RELIGIOUS EXEMPTIONS

HB 55 would allow discrimination and service refusal against LGBTQ New Mexicans, based solely on personal religious belief.



A pediatrician could refuse medical care to a child because her parents are gay or transgender.

A child welfare worker could keep a child in foster care, rather than let a qualified lesbian couple adopt.

"Freedom of religion is important. That's why it's already protected by the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution."

SUPPORT



Bullying Prevention Appropriation

Rep. Christine Trujillo and EQNM are championing a \$250K appropriation to Public Education Department to support: 1) staff dedicated to bullying prevention; and 2) a statewide bullying prevention training program.

DLs for Undocumented Immigrants

EQNM supports HB 94 (Rep. Stephanie Garcia Richard), which provides a nondiscriminatory Real ID-compliant solution that keeps drivers licenses accessible to undocumented immigrants.

Early Childhood Education Funding

EQNM supports SJR 2 (Sen. Michael Padilla), which would increase the distribution from the Land Grant Permanent Fund to support early childhood education programs.

Automatic Voter Registration

Sen. Michael Sanchez proposed SB 2 which would automatically register to vote drivers license applicants who have not declined to register, and will be 18 years of age by the next election. EQNM supports measures that expand access to voter participation.

OPPOSE



Restrictions on Reproductive Rights

EQNM will organize in solidarity against abortion bans, parental notification laws, and other infringements on our rights to bodily autonomy and building our families as we see fit.

Discriminatory Access to Drivers Licenses for Undocumented Immigrants

EQNM opposes HB 99 and HB 123, both of which create a discriminatory system for undocumented immigrants to access drivers licenses.

Youth Curfews

HB 29 allows counties and municipalities to enact youth curfews. This will criminalize youth in a state that ranks 47th in youth homelessness (with at least 40% identifying as LGBTQ), and is unconstitutional.

Changes to Hate Crimes Law

HB 95 would add police officers as a protected class in NM's Hate Crimes Law. Hate crimes protections are based on inherent traits - not professions - and are meant to protect the most vulnerable - not those in positions of state-sanctioned power.

GENERAL ISSUE POSITIONS

We Support

Measures that increase equity, empower the most vulnerable, and enable justice.



Increasing funding for mental health programs



Decriminalization and regulation of marijuana



Ethics reform



Statewide ban on solitary confinement



Living wage indexed at the rate of inflation

Payday loan interest cap (36%↓); title loan ban

Increasing corporate and high income tax rates



Paid family leave



Increasing access to high speed broadband



Statewide ban on fracking

Measures that restrict human rights and cause hardship on the most vulnerable.

We Oppose



"Right to Work" laws



Voter ID requirements



Holding back third graders based on reading proficiency



Punitive "three strikes" laws



Funding cuts to Planned Parenthood

Funding cuts to Senior Centers



Access restrictions to drivers licenses for undocumented immigrants



Increasing eligibility requirements for the Lottery Scholarship



Increasing eligibility requirements for SNAP benefits

Important Dates

01.19: Session Begins

01.20: HB 55 Press Conference, 8AM @ Roundhouse

01.28: Equality Day/Strong Families Day @ the Legislature

01.28: Equality Legislative Reception, 6:30PM @ Agave Lounge

02.03: Deadline for bill introduction

02.18: Session Ends

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