



# State of New Mexico

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### **Governor Bill Richardson Signs House Bill 1 So-Called “Feed Bill” Funds Legislature**

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SANTA FE- Governor Bill Richardson today released this statement regarding the signing of House Bill 1:

“I have today signed House Bill 1, commonly called the “Feed Bill”, with one line item veto - a \$2.8 million appropriation to the Legislative Finance Committee that included \$147,000 in additional staff.

I felt it was premature to expand legislative staff before we even have a budget for Health Care, a budget for Education, a budget for general operations of the state.

Of course I will work with the legislature to accomplish these goals, and by signing the Feed Bill today I have fully funded the operations of the legislature.

I’d also like to point out that even with this veto, the Legislative Finance Committee staff is still fully funded until July of this year, and there is plenty of time remaining in this session to fix their operating budget.”

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