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## **Governor Bill Richardson Urges Funding for State Employees**

SANTA FE – Governor Bill Richardson’s Office released the following statement today about the lack of funding in the budget for compensation for state employees:

“Governor Richardson urges the Legislature to immediately restore money in the budget to fully fund the state’s contractual obligations with state employee bargaining units,” said Gilbert Gallegos, a spokesman for the Governor. “This will be a critical issue as the Governor reviews the budget.”

The current budget pending before the Senate does not include about \$2.7 million needed to fully fund a compensation package for state employees. The state is approaching the final year of a three-year contract negotiated with AFSCME, CWA and FOP.

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