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## **Governor Richardson Signs Minimum Wage Change, Feed Bill**

SANTA FE – Today, Governor Bill Richardson signed legislation that will allow state and local governments to provide compensatory time for employees that work longer shifts, rather cut into their budgets to pay overtime. Governor Richardson also signed the feed bill into law, providing operational funding for the 2008 legislative session.

“This change to our minimum wage law will allow local, county and state government to still provide a better wage, offer comp time for extra hours, and balance their books,” said Governor Richardson.

Last year the New Mexico legislature passed and the Governor signed into law an increase in the minimum wage, which raised the wage from \$5.15 an hour to \$6.50 an hour on January 1<sup>st</sup>.