

The People Behind the Process

Building New Mexico's Budget

This is the second installation of a five-part series called The People Behind the Process – Building New Mexico's Budget. Part One can be found [here](#). There are two main committees that focus on budgetary matters, they are the House appropriations and finance committee and the Senate finance committee. Throughout the next few weeks, we will highlight members of these respective committees and the important work they do in helping create the state budget. The upcoming 30 days legislative session will be largely devoted to budgetary items along with items on the Governor's call.



Representative Ryan Lane

House District 3

Biography

Ryan Lane serves as the Representative for House District 3 which encompasses San Juan County. Representative Lane is a native New Mexican, he lives in Aztec where he owns and operates a law firm specializing in business law and estate planning. He and his wife Nicole own and operate a local ice cream shop called the Vanilla Moose. Representative Lane previously served on the board of education for the Aztec Municipal School district. Representative Lane currently sits on the House appropriations and finance committee as well as the House Education Committee. When not in committee, you can find Ryan trail running and flyfishing in the great outdoors.

Education

- Liberty University School of Law – JD, cum laude
- Committee members have been asked the same questions.

How long have you served on HAFC/SFC? Since January 2021.

What is your favorite part of serving on the committee? It is amazing to learn about all of the agencies in state government and how they all work together to serve the people of New Mexico.

What is the most important thing you have learned while serving on the committee? I have learned that being a lifetime learner is incredibly important, as is not being afraid to ask questions. As humans, we tend to become too set in our ways (hence the need to be a lifetime learner!) and we can let fear of how others may view us get in the way of asking important questions.

What do you anticipate for the upcoming 30-day session? There is a lot of additional revenue to the State as a result of both federal Covid-19 relief dollars as well as higher than expected revenues from the oil and gas industry. Trying to understand and sort through the most pressing needs for New Mexicans should be our priority in budgeting these additional revenues, including ensuring that rural New Mexico is not overlooked.

Is there anything else you'd like our membership to be aware of as we enter the upcoming legislative session? Please pass along my thanks to the membership of NMFLB for all that they do for our great state.