

American Cancer Society
Cancer Action Network, Inc. – New Mexico
Legislative Scorecard



2013





Cancer is a Public Policy Issue

In 2013, the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network (ACS CAN) sponsored and supported state legislation to promote beneficial policies to reduce cancer incidence, increase survival rates, improve quality of life for cancer patients and their families, and ultimately create a healthier state. With one in every two men and one in every three women in New Mexico born today expected to receive a cancer diagnosis in their lifetime, access to preventive care and cancer treatment is more important than ever.

Elected officials from across the state come to Santa Fe to represent the needs of their constituents. At the State Capitol, they are provided the opportunity to cast their vote for legislation that determines the well-being of cancer patients, survivors, and New Mexicans that may face a cancer diagnosis in the future. The 2013 legislative scorecard illustrates the role each legislator played this year in New Mexico's achievements and failures on cancer policy.

ACS CAN, the nonprofit, nonpartisan advocacy affiliate of the American Cancer Society, supports evidence-based policy and legislative solutions designed to eliminate cancer as a major health problem. ACS CAN works to encourage elected officials and candidates to make cancer a top national priority. ACS CAN gives ordinary people extraordinary power to fight cancer with the training and tools they need to make their voices heard. For more information, visit acscan.org.

Please note: The American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network does not endorse or oppose candidates for elected office or political parties. This record of votes is strictly non-partisan and is not meant to convey support or opposition to any legislator. As legislators often cast hundreds of votes in a year, there are inherent limitations in attempting to evaluate a legislator solely on the basis of a few selected votes. Other important work includes unrecorded matters such as performance on committees and constituent service.

Scorecard Methodology

What information does the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network (ACS CAN) use to accredit votes?

The vote information used to create this scorecard was taken from the public record, which can be found at www.nmlegis.gov, the official site for New Mexico legislative information.

Which votes were counted?

For Issue 1, the House Health, Government and Indian Affairs Committee votes will be presented here. Because Issue 1 was tabled in its second committee hearing, the House Taxation and Revenue Committee, only the first committee hearing is a vote of public record.

For Issues 2 & 3, only the final floor votes were counted for each chamber of the Legislature because this was the action taken by each legislator on the final version of the bill.

How are votes represented in the scorecard?

The votes are scored by indicating either a check (✓) for a vote in accordance with the ACS CAN position, an X (✗) for a vote against the ACS CAN position, an A (A) for no vote due to absence or desire to abstain, or a blank indicating that the legislator did not have the opportunity to vote on that bill.

How are Governor Susana Martinez's actions represented in the scorecard?

Actions the governor took in support of ACS CAN's position are marked with a check (✓). Actions that went in opposition to ACS CAN's position are marked with an X (✗). If the bill did not pass and, therefore, the Governor had no role in the process, a blank indicates that the governor did not have the opportunity to act on that bill.

2013 Scorecard Legislation

Issue 1. House Bill 428 (Stewart): Tobacco Products Tax Rate & Distribution

This bill would have raised the tax on non-cigarette tobacco products, equalizing it with the cigarette tax rate. ACS CAN supported the bill because the current tax discrepancy between different types of tobacco interferes with tobacco cessation efforts—and the tobacco companies exploit this loophole for that reason—and is detrimental to New Mexico youth. The use of highly-addictive smokeless tobacco and flavored cigars is increasing significantly among New Mexico youth. Low taxation rates that favor smokeless tobacco and cheap cigars incentivize children to initiate tobacco use and make it harder for adults to quit. Increasing the tax on cigars, chewing tobacco, snuff and loose tobacco would put these harmful and highly addictive products a little further out of reach of New Mexico kids.

ACS CAN Position: SUPPORT

Outcome: Tabled in House Taxation and Revenue Committee

Issue 2. Senate Bill 156 (Candelaria): Formulary Changes in Health Laws

This bill will limit the number of times health insurance companies can make changes to prescription drug coverage that would increase out-of-pocket costs during the annual health insurance contract. It will also require insurance companies to provide notice, in writing, of changes to prescription drug plans that will increase out-of-pocket costs. ACS CAN supported the bill because it would help to ensure continuity of prescription drug coverage and allow policy holders to plan for increases in out-of-pocket costs.

ACS CAN Position: SUPPORT

Outcome: Signed by the Governor

Issue 3. Senate Bill 296 (Papen): Prescription Drug Insurance Coverage Review

This bill will phase in a system to streamline how prior authorizations for prescription medications are obtained from health insurance providers, whereby prescribers can use a uniform prior authorization form, submit the form electronically and can expect a response from the insurer within three working days. ACS CAN supported the bill because the changes will help patients to access their medications in a timely fashion.

ACS CAN Position: SUPPORT

Outcome: Signed by the Governor

New Mexico House of Representatives

Name and Party Affiliation	House District	Vote on Issue 1	Vote on Issue 2	Vote on Issue 3
Alcon (D)	HD 6		✓	✓
Anderson (R)	HD 29		✓	✓
Archuleta (D)	HD 36		✓	✓
Baldonado (R)	HD 8	✗	✓	✓
Bandy (R)	HD 3		✓	✓
Bratton (R)	HD 62		✓	✓
Brown (R)	HD 55		✓	✓
Chasey (D)	HD 18		✓	✓
Chavez (D)	HD 12		✓	✓
Clahschilliage (R)	HD 4		✓	✓
Cook (R)	HD 56		✓	✓
Cote (D)	HD 53		✓	✓
Crook (R)	HD 64		✓	✓
Dodge (D)	HD 63		✓	✓
Easley (D)	HD 50		✓	✓
Espinoza (R)	HD 59		✓	✓
Ezell (R)	HD 58		✓	✓
Egolf (D)	HD 47		✓	A
Fajardo (R)	HD 7	✓	✓	✓
Gallegos, D.M. (R)	HD 61		✓	✓
Gallegos, D.Y. (D)	HD 52		A	✓
Garcia, M.H. (D)	HD 34		✓	✓
Garcia, M.P. (D)	HD 14		✓	✓
Garcia Richard (D)	HD 43		✓	✓
Gentry (R)	HD 30	✗	✓	✓
Gonzales (D)	HD 42		✓	✓
Gray (R)	HD 54		✓	✓
Hall (R)	HD 28		✓	✓
Hamilton (R)	HD 38		✓	✓
Harper (R)	HD 57		✓	✓
Herrell (R)	HD 51	A	✓	✓
Irwin (D)	HD 32		✓	A
Jeff (D)	HD 5		✓	✓
Kane (D)	HD 15	✓	✓	✓
Larrañaga (R)	HD 27		✓	✓

Key: (✓) in support of ACS CAN's position; (✗) in opposition to ACS CAN's position; (A) absent or abstaining

New Mexico House of Representatives

Name and Party Affiliation	House District	Vote on Issue 1	Vote on Issue 2	Vote on Issue 3
Lewis (R)	HD 60		✓	✓
Louis (D)	HD 26		✓	✓
Lundstrom (D)	HD 9		✓	✓
Madalena (D)	HD 65	✓	✓	✓
Maestas (D)	HD 16		✓	✓
Martinez, R. (D)	HD 39	✓	✓	✓
Martinez, W. K. (D)	HD 69		✓	✓
McCamley (D)	HD 33		A	✓
McMillan (R)	HD 37	✓	✓	✓
Miera (D)	HD 11		✓	✓
Pacheco (R)	HD 23		✓	✓
Powdrell-Culbert (R)	HD 44		✓	✓
Rehm (R)	HD 31		✓	A
Roch (R)	HD 67		✓	✓
Rodella (D)	HD 41		✓	✓
Roybal Caballero (D)	HD 13		✓	✓
Saavedra (D)	HD 10		✓	✓
Salazar, N. (D)	HD 40	✓	✓	✓
Salazar, T. (D)	HD 70		✓	✓
Sandoval (D)	HD 17		✓	✓
Smith (R)	HD 22		✓	✓
Stapleton (D)	HD 19		✓	✓
Steinborn (D)	HD 35		✓	✓
Stewart (D)	HD 21		✓	✓
Strickler (R)	HD 2		✓	✓
Taylor (R)	HD 1		A	✓
Thomson (D)	HD 24	✓	✓	✓
Tripp (R)	HD 49		✓	✓
Trujillo, Ca (D)	HD 46		✓	✓
Trujillo, Ch (D)	HD 25		✓	✓
Trujillo, J. (D)	HD 45		✓	✓
Varela (D)	HD 48	✓	✓	A
White (R)	HD 20		✓	✓
Wooley (R)	HD 66		✓	✓
Youngblood (R)	HD 68		✓	✓

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New Mexico Senate

Name and Party Affiliation	Senate District	Vote on Issue 1	Vote on Issue 2	Vote on Issue 3
Beffort (R)	SD 19		✓	✓
Brandt (R)	SD 40		✓	✓
Burt (R)	SD 33		✓	✓
Campos (D)	SD 8		✓	✓
Candelaria (D)	SD 26		✓	✓
Cervantes (D)	SD 31		✓	✓
Cisneros (D)	SD 6		✓	✓
Cotter (R)	SD 36		✓	✓
Griego (D)	SD 39		✓	✓
Griggs (R)	SD 34		✓	✓
Ingle (R)	SD 27		✓	✓
Ivey-Soto (D)	SD 15		✓	✓
Keller (D)	SD 17		✓	✓
Kernan (R)	SD 42		✓	✓
Leavell (R)	SD 41		✓	✓
Lopez (D)	SD 11		✓	✓
Martinez (D)	SD 5		✓	✓
McSorley (D)	SD 16		✓	A
Moores (R)	SD 21		✓	✓
Morales (D)	SD 28		✓	✓
Munoz (D)	SD 4		A	A
Neville (R)	SD 2		✓	✓
O'Neill (D)	SD 13		✓	✓
Ortiz y Pino (D)	SD 12		✓	✓
Padilla (D)	SD 14		✓	✓
Papen (D)	SD 38		✓	✓
Payne (R)	SD 20		✓	✓
Pinto (D)	SD 3		A	✓
Pirtle (R)	SD 32		✓	✓
Rodriguez (D)	SD 24		✓	✓
Rue (R)	SD 23		✓	✓
Ryan (R)	SD 10		✓	✓
Sanchez, C. (D)	SD 30		✓	✓
Sanchez, M. (D)	SD 29		✓	✓
Sapien (D)	SD 9		✓	A

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New Mexico Senate

Name and Party Affiliation	Senate District	Vote on Issue 1	Vote on Issue 2	Vote on Issue 3
Sharer (R)	SD 1		✓	A
Shendo (D)	SD 22		✓	✓
Smith (D)	SD 35		✓	✓
Soules (D)	SD 37		✓	✓
Torraco (R)	SD 18		A	✓
Wirth (D)	SD 25		✓	✓
Woods (R)	SD 7		✓	✓

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Governor's Scorecard

	Vote on Issue 1	Vote on Issue 2	Vote on Issue 3
Governor Susana Martinez (R)		✓	✓

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