



What do we think about the House Judiciary Committee Substitute for House Joint Resolution 2 (aka the New Mexico Green Amendment)?

Responding to public comment additional amendments are being offered to the New Mexico Green Amendment to ensure there is clarity that it is enforceable against the state, counties and municipalities; those government entities that have the most authority regarding the environment and the constitutional rights of their people.

Green Amendments For The Generations and the New Mexico Environmental Law Center support the new language that will read:

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B. The provisions of this section are self-executing. Monetary damages shall not be awarded for a violation of this section. This section is enforceable against the state, counties and municipalities.

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HEENRC Substitute for HJR 2 for comparison:

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