



Sustainability

Secondhand Smoke Protections in Tribal Communities

Mission and Core Values

To provide commercial tobacco secondhand smoke awareness and resources to New Mexico tribal communities, improving health outcomes.

Respect, Culture, Family, Responsibility to Community, Humility, Health, Love, Community, Empowerment,

Job Opportunity

Health Educator-Advanced-Project Coordinator

The State of New Mexico invites applications for the position of Health Educator-Advanced-Project Coordinator (DOH #11501). This position will support the Tribal Liaison's capacity to promote effective communication and partnerships between the Department of Health and American Indian tribes, pueblos, and nations, as well as off-reservation populations.



Under direction of the Tribal Liaison, incumbent will perform assigned administrative tasks, develop linkages with existing and emerging resources and programs concerning tribal health priorities, develop and disseminate educational materials, and train agency staff in working more effectively with tribal populations. Permanent Position in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

[Apply here through the State Personnel Office \(SPO\).](#)

Tobacco in the News

Tobacco Tax Bill Passes in the Senate, Moves to House

Adapted from Silver City Sun News

LAS CRUCES - Smokers in New Mexico would pay an additional \$1.50 a pack in taxes under a bill passed by the Senate on a 24-16 vote Wednesday.

Senate Bill 231 also would increase the taxes on cigars and would include e-cigarettes in the tobacco tax for the first time. Sen. Howie Morales, D-Silver City, said the bill would benefit the state by both raising new revenue for schools and reducing the number of smokers, thereby improving the health of New Mexicans and reducing health care costs to the state.

The bill would generate an additional \$89 million that would go to the State Equalization Guarantee (SEG) - the amount of money per student that is sent to each school district.

"This will assist us in not only not having to make cuts this year, but we'll be able to backfill with some of the cuts that have taken place in the past," Morales said.

There are a few key differences between this year's proposed tobacco tax bill and that of previous years:

- SB231 has the support of New Mexico tribes, who have agreed to also raise their cigarette taxes by

\$1.50/pack to maintain their \$0.91 advantage over non-sovereign sales. Tribes are able to spend the extra revenue gained from the tax increase however they choose.

- Revenue gained from the tax increase on non-sovereign land will go to the SEG - commonly referred to as the 'funding formula' - as the mechanism for distributing funds to its 89 school districts. The SEG is the amount allocated to each district by the state Public Education Department (PED) for each unit value. New Mexico currently is rated 50th (out of 51) in education in the United States.

Event Calendar

What's going on in the community.

[Kick Butts Day](#)



Kick Butts Day is a national day of activism that empowers youth to stand out, speak up and seize control against Big Tobacco. **This year's Kick Butts Day is this Wednesday, March 15, 2017.**

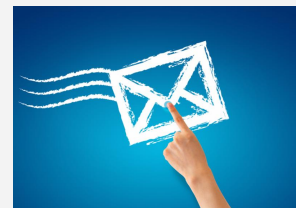
While Kick Butts Day is officially held on one day each year, our hope is that every day will be Kick Butts Day in the fight against tobacco. You can use our [Activities Database](#) to organize events and take a stand against tobacco on any day of the year. By making every day Kick Butts Day, we can win the fight against tobacco use, the number one cause of preventable death in the United States and around the world.

Click [here](#) to see the full event calendar. If you have an event in your area that you would like to add to our calendar, please share it with us [here](#).

What now?

Moving Forward.

We encourage you to read all the articles in this and upcoming newsletters, and to share and forward these emails to people within your network to keep everyone up to date!



This is a free notification service that provides the latest on commercial and traditional tobacco news, events, topics, and successes.

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