

030615-HB299-update

March 6, 2015 - HB 299 Update

The bill has passed the House Committee on Transportation and Public Works and the House Judiciary Committee, not a surprise. What was a surprise was that there was little substantive discussion among those who voted to approve. It seems that those in favor liked the concept of public/private partnerships but weren't concerned about the details of this bill. As we know, the devil is in the details, and this bill is flawed, needing careful scrutiny before it becomes law. Let's hope it doesn't become law.

Vote no on the Public-Private Partnership Act (HB 299), or any legislative attempts toward privatization.

This bill has passed the House Committee on Transportation and Public Works and we need to STOP it!!!

For example: if a person cannot afford to pay his or her water bill, they would be charged with a crime and could be jailed for up to 6 months or pay a fine of up to \$500!

More information here [water-fire/water 2015/022715-HB299-petition-public-pvt-partner-act.pdf](#)

Please sign the petition here:

[http://petitions.moveon.org/sign/keep-new-mexicos-water?source=s.fwd&r\\_by=6959974](http://petitions.moveon.org/sign/keep-new-mexicos-water?source=s.fwd&r_by=6959974)

San Augustin Water Coalition Board meeting on TUESDAY, MARCH 10th at 6.p.m. at the Datil Baptist Church meeting hall.

The public is invited. Agenda items include finalization of the program for the annual meeting scheduled for April 11th.

Two NM bills to watch that could effect water and public rights in this region: HB 299, HB 366 and SB 421 would take away the power of local governments to regulate oil and gas development in response to concerns over water contamination and health risks.

Where they stand now: HB199 was tabled in HEENR last week. However, a similar bill (HB366) passed and is now headed to Judiciary. You are right that this vote went down on party lines. Rep Egolf voted against the bill and believes strongly that local governments should have the authority to manage their air, land and water