

SB47 / HB319 – FOOD RECOVERY & COMPOSTING ACT

Relating to regenerative waste management



**CO-SPONSORS: SENATOR PETE CAMPOS, SENATOR LIZ STEFANICS,
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For just a few dollars a year per adult, we can reduce pollution, lower long-term trash related costs, support agriculture, and make our communities healthier. Few public policy ideas offer that kind of return. Composting organic waste is one of them.
- Senator Peter Campos

BILL SUMMARY

Issuing a state surcharge on solid waste disposal (like 34 other states including Texas, Oklahoma and Nebraska have in place) costing us less than \$4 dollars per adult annually; generating about \$5 million every year for NMED's RAID grant program; funding counties, municipalities, solid waste authorities and many others; advancing a suite of resource recovery initiatives including composting, food recovery and other organic waste reduction across New Mexico.

**Let's pass this bill together and
turn waste into opportunity for New Mexico!**

BENEFITS OF PASSING SB47 / HB319

- Helps reduce hunger & fortify health by ramping up food recovery efforts which keep nutritious food out of the trash & gets it to people who need it.
- Creates jobs and grows local businesses by majorly ramping up grant funding, repurposing organic waste, and modernizing solid waste facilities.
- Restores New Mexico's land by accelerating on-farm composting and widespread compost application that regenerate the soil.
- Saves water by expanding compost use, which helps soil absorb and hold more moisture.
- Improves public health by diverting organic waste in the landfills and by more nutritious food grown in compost-rich soils that require fewer toxic inputs.
- Reduces waste statewide & brings down costs in the long run by pooling our resources and together investing in regenerative waste management solutions.
- Significantly reduces pollution (soil and water contamination, ghg emissions and air pollution) by keeping organic waste out of landfills.

PARTNERS

A growing list of stakeholder endorsements for the Food Recovery and Composting Act:

- Ciudad Soil & Water Conservation District
- Coalition of Sustainable Communities New Mexico
- Compost Coalition
- Conservation Voters New Mexico
- Farm and Ranch Freedom Alliance
- National Stewardship Action Council
- New Mexico Acequia Association
- New Mexico Association of Conservation Districts
- New Mexico Environment Department
- New Mexico Farmers' Marketing Association
- New Mexico Food & Ag Policy Council
- New Mexico Healthy Soil Working Group
- New Mexico Interfaith Power & Light
- New Mexico Recycling Coalition
- Pueblo of Santa Ana
- Pueblo of Tesuque
- Reunity Resources
- Rio Grande Chapter of the Sierra Club
- Rocky Mountain Farmers Union
- Soilutions

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