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Support Reform of the (Interstate Stream Commission. This information came too late to call your the rules committee members today, but send your rep and email or call will at least let them know they are being watched.

Today it is important to tell Senate Rules Members to Vote YES on SB157! SB157 Analysis:

Senator Peter Wirth has introduced legislation (SB157) that would reform membership of the Interstate Stream Commission (ISC), the state agency charged with "developing New Mexico's waters including both interstate and intrastate stream systems."

The bill is scheduled to be heard in the Senate Rules Committee (Room 321) on Monday, February 6 at 8 am.

The bill is designed to bring objectivity and science, and less political partisanship, into New Mexico's water management decisions. The ISC has responsibility for state and regional water planning and the technically infeasible and unaffordable Gila River diversion project among many others.

ISC appointments would be shared equally between the Governor's office and legislature. The bill requires an equal number of Democrats and Republicans, two water-related technical experts from either UNM or NMSU, and representation by the variety of interests that have a stake in how water is managed, including a representative from a non-governmental conservation advocacy organization.

Please contact members of the Senate Rules Committee and ask them to vote YES on SB157.