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Landmark education bill heads for Senate

SANTA FE - The House of Representatives has passed House Bill 5 Public Education Changes sponsored by House Floor Majority Leader Representative Sheryl Williams Stapleton (D-Albuquerque), House Education Committee Chair Representative Andres Romero (D-Albuquerque), House Appropriations & Finance Chairwoman Patricia Lundstrom (D-Gallup), Representative Christine Trujillo (D-Albuquerque), and Representative Bobby Gonzalez (D-Taos).

Described as the “moonshot bill” by Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham, HB 5 calls for a \$449 million dollar increase for public education funding, while raising teacher minimum salaries, expanding K-5 Plus, and increasing the At-Risk Index.

“This bill is a once-in-a-lifetime game changer for our students across the state. While many components of HB 5 address the requirements of the recent lawsuit, there are multiple dimensions that have far-reaching impact over the decades,” Stapleton said. “This bill is a landmark legislation that finally shines a bright light on the beautiful diversity of our New Mexico students and opens the door of opportunity for every child in our state.”

House Bill 5 moves on to the Senate for consideration.

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