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By Albuquerque Journal Editorial Board on Sat, Dec 31, 2011 Kudos to state Rep. Jim Smith, R-Sandia Park, for recognizing that in these busy times and considering the technology available, New Mexicans deserve more than 24-hours' notice that their public officials are taking action.

And kudos to Gov. Susana Martinez for seconding that.

Smith's proposed legislation would increase the minimum public notice of meeting agendas from one to three days and require they also be posted online.

Currently, legal notices published in New Mexico newspapers are automatically posted on the New Mexico Press Association site, www.PublicNoticeAds.com/nm. In addition, the state's official website and the Sunshine Portal contain links to the notices.

Smith says, "It only makes sense to make these materials available so New Mexicans can see well in advance the business that their elected and appointed officials are addressing. This is an opportunity to increase and standardize transparency across state and local governments."

And that transparency will only help ensure government works for the people of New Mexico.