

HB 87 - LEGISLATIVE RESPONSES

New Mexico Legislature | August 24, 2026

Rep. Dayan Hochman-Vigil

Date: August 24, 2026

Subject: Re: [EXT] Your HB 87 Became Relevant in My Sexual-Assault Case

Relevant response:

"Yes, HB87 was brought to change this distinction in the law because the New Mexico Legislature got this issue wrong the first time, and we need to change it because innocent folks like you are getting hurt."

She wrote that legislators had been aligned behind the bill, that the Senate ran out of time in the final days of the session, and that other Senate priority bills were placed ahead of it.

"I do plan to introduce the bill again this coming year. If you would be willing to testify at the Round House as to your experience when the bill is being heard in committee, it could make a world of difference to help us change the law."

Sen. Peter Wirth

Date: August 24, 2026

Subject: Re: [EXT] HB 87 Passed 66-0 and 8-0. Why Did It Never Reach a Final Senate Vote?

Relevant response:

"Looking online at the bill's history, it did not pass the House until March 11th, 2025. It received a single referral to Senate Judiciary. That committee report was read out on March 20th. The session ended at noon on March 22nd."

Wirth added that many bills arriving late do not reach the Senate floor because the session runs out of time and suggested focusing on having the bill introduced again in the 2027 session.

Review note: these are short extracts from the original email responses. The full native email threads remain available.