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## **BILL WOULD REQUIRE TWO-YEAR NOTICE TO EVACUATED MOBILE-HOME RESIDENTS**

Developers planning to change the primary use of a mobile home park would be required to give a 24-month notice to residents of the community before they are forced to vacate the premises and find new a new residence, according to legislation introduced by State Senator Bill O'Neill (Bernalillo, District 13).

"This bill acknowledges that many of these mobile home communities are in fact neighborhoods, that in some cases go back decades, said Senator O'Neill. "It is not an easy thing to find a new place to live."

Patterned after a City of Albuquerque ordinance sponsored by former City Councilor Debbie O'Malley, Senate Bill 125 is designed to protect the integrity of community as well as the threat of possible homelessness.

"Seventeen percent of New Mexico families live in manufactured housing, which is second only to South Carolina in that regard," Senator O'Neill adds. "This is both an urban and rural issue."

Senate Bill 125 is scheduled to be heard by the Senate Public Affairs Committee on Thursday afternoon.