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I find that the new rule regarding heat illness and injury is an over reach that will cause substantial higher pricing in many sectors of the economy in New Mexico. It not only over burdens employers, but it will also open up a massive tort problem.

From the State of New Mexico's own data, the following is the number of heat related injuries that were work related versus all other incidents:

The New Mexico Environment Department did state that in 2023, 52 out of 968 heat-related emergency room visits were work-related. The New Mexico Environment Department

This means that only 5% of incidents were work related. Furthermore, with 12200 reported nonfatal work related injuries reported in New Mexico in 2022, only 52 of those are heat related. Thus reducing the percentage to less than 1/2 of a percentage of all work related injuries are caused by heat.