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While it is important to consider heat-extremes and understand the optimal levels of work output during extreme high temps (over 110'), these continued resolutions to further restrict companies from business practices will only increase the number of companies leaving New Mexico. You will place an undue burden on employers to now monitor such things as heat index, a complex work/rest chart all while having to consider "with the assumption that workers are acclimated, physically fit, well-rested, fully hydrated, under age 40, and have adequate water intake." Who is qualified to make these assessments based on physical fitness and hydration? How do we assess whether or not an individual is "well-rested"? People have lived in harsh and extreme conditions for generations - they have built railroads, paved highways and roads, constructed buildings and did so before modern A/C even existed. Let's encourage people to use common sense (if I am feeling unwell due to heat illness, I should tell a superior and take a break or go home until I no longer feel unwell) and no continue to make New Mexico one of the most business-unfriendly states, all in the name of "prevention". If New Mexico wants to address an actual issue that impacts nearly every resident of the state, look at the homeless crisis that infiltrates our streets. In Las Cruces, the number of panhandlers and homeless on every street corner and parking lot has led to increased crime, drug-use, garbage and drug paraphernalia being left all over. Spend the money to increase the budget of our police force instead of wasting time telling adults that they can work for 15 minutes and then take a 45 minute break. Can you imagine how long construction projects would take if this regulation were signed into law?