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## **“Stop the crime epidemic for the sake of law abiding New Mexicans”**

**Co-Chair Senator Sander Rue Announces 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting of Committee to Reform the Criminal Justice System, hopes for legislative solutions to crime wave**

State Senator Sander Rue (R-Albuquerque Westside), who has been recently appointed as a Co-Chair of the newly re-created Criminal Justice Reform subcommittee said he will ask the committee to find immediate answers to help stop the epidemic of crime in New Mexico, especially in Bernalillo County.

**“This crime wave has turned into an ocean of crime in Bernalillo County. New Mexicans have had enough. They want us to find answers that will have an immediate impact on this crime epidemic that is getting worse and worse each day. I want this reform committee to discuss legislative solutions for the sake of our law abiding citizens. Public safety for them must come first,”** Co-chair Senator Rue said.

Today, Co-chair Rue announced the first of four meetings in Albuquerque that will take place during the legislative interim to reform the state’s criminal justice system in New Mexico. The first meeting will take place:

**Date: Monday, August 14, 2017**

**Time: 9:00 a.m.**

**Location: Law Offices of the Public Defender-505 Marquette NW, Albuquerque**

Senator Rue said the committee will hear about “Opportunities for Justice Reinvestment in New Mexico” from a representative of the Council of State Governments Justice Center and will discuss “Front End Criminal Justice Issues” and potential front end reforms.

Senator Rue is Co-chairing the subcommittee with Representative Antonio Maestas. Other committee members include: Senator Greg Baca, Senator Cisco McSorely, Senator Richard C. Martinez, and Representatives Zachary J. Cook; Jim Dines and Gail Chasey.

The newly re-created legislative subcommittee will review and propose changes to New Mexico’s criminal justice system.

The committee was first formed in late 2013. Prior to that, the job had not been undertaken for over forty years by the state legislature.