

**NM State Game Commission Meeting: Albuquerque, NM  
March 8, 2024**

**Rule Hearing on Hunter  
Education Rule 19.36.3 NMAC**

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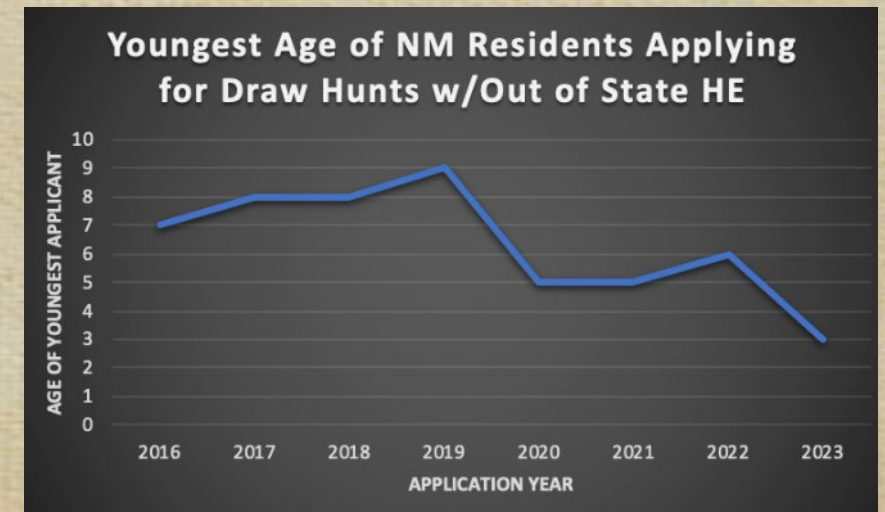
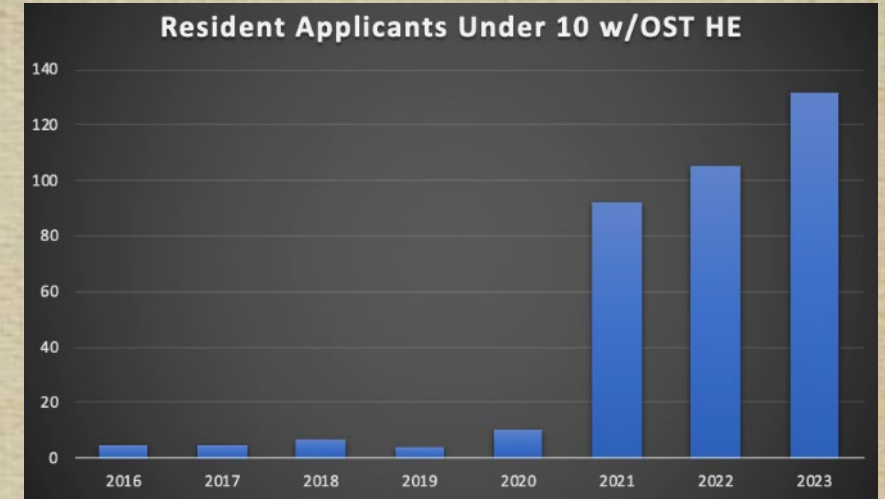
# Rule Development Timeline

- **August '23, October '23, March '24** – present at SGC meetings
- **September '23** – virtual HE instructor meeting and virtual/Albuquerque public meeting
- **November '23** – final NMDGF proposed rule and technical information posted on website
- **March '24** – act on rule



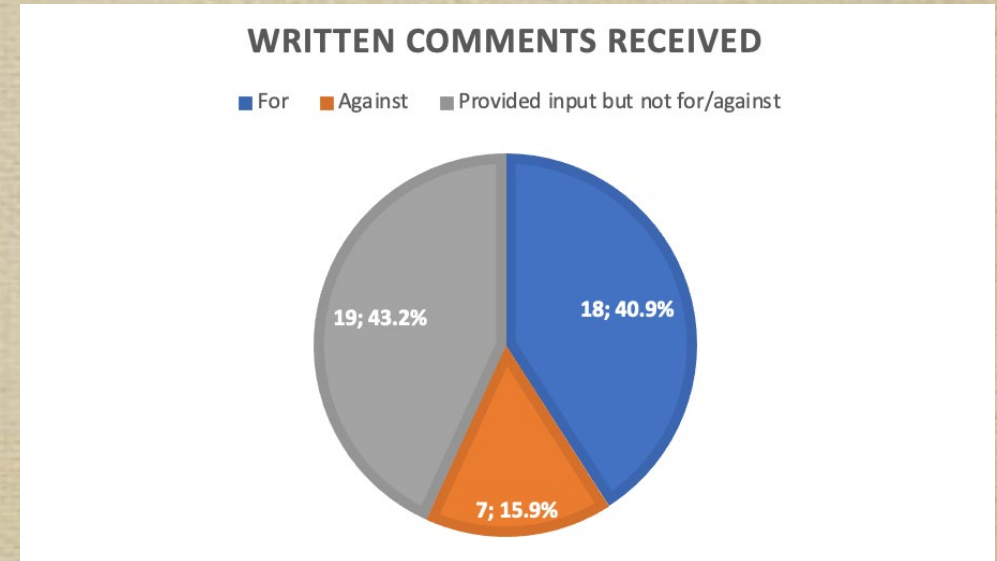
# Rule Development Summary

- NM HE honors OST HE
  - Some online HE no minimum age
- Very young draw applicants
  - 2023 youngest age 3
  - Fraudulent, unsafe, impacts deserving applicants
- Original proposal
  - limit OST HE to age 10 and older



# Rule Development Summary cont'd

- Instructor & Public Meetings
  - 54 in attendance
- 44 Written Comments
- Rural NM Concerns
  - state lines concern
  - online may be best option
- Neighboring States
  - TX – 9 for in-person HE
  - AZ – 9 for in-person/online HE



# Current Proposal

- Propose adding language to the rule:
  - Use of Out-of-State Hunter Education restricted to students ages 9 and older
- If passed, valid for 4 years:
  - Effective April 1, '24 through March 31, '28
- 2024 Draw Application Period Underway:
  - Suggest Section 19.36.3.8 valid April 1, '25
  - Apply to all 2025-26 applications & hunts



# Questions?

