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Commission sues NM corrections secretary over probation ICE referrals

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Just a week after filing new documentation alleging New Mexico Corrections Department probation officers' widespread coordination with federal immigration officers, the State Ethics Commission on Friday announced it was proceeding with a lawsuit against Corrections Secretary Alisha Tafoya Lucero.

The new lawsuit, brought under a

state law passed in 2025 prohibiting such coordination, marks a more direct approach to forcing the Corrections Department to cease the practice, SEC Deputy Director Amelia Bierle told Source NM on Friday.

The Commission has deferred suing Tafoya Lucero directly under the 2025 Nondisclosure of Sensitive Personal Information Act since September of last year while awaiting a ruling from a state district court judge on whether federal immigration law supersedes the state law.

The 2025 Nondisclosure of Sensitive Personal Information Act empowers the Commission to bring civil lawsuits against agencies if it has evidence that state employees provided immigration or other sensitive personal information to anyone outside of the agency, except in limited circumstances.

Even though the judge has not yet issued that determination, the Commission opted to proceed with a lawsuit anyway, Bierle told Source NM on Friday,

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The New Mexico State Ethics Commission on July 10 announced it had officially sued the Corrections Department regarding probation officers' coordination with federal immigration agents.

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Social media shaping kids' career dreams



Research shows that social media has emerged as one of the biggest influences for young people's career choice, second only to family, friends or teachers. GETTY IMAGES

Students seek guidance online instead of from schools

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THE CONVERSATION

A second grader in Norway drew a YouTube logo when my colleagues and I asked what they wanted to be when they grow up. When we asked why, the child explained that YouTubers are famous and make lots of money.

When we asked second graders in

Wisconsin this same question, we were surprised to often receive similar answers: Kids there also wanted to be YouTube influencers when they grow up.

I am a scholar of career and technical education. Colleagues and I have spoken with a range of elementary, middle and high school students as young as 7 years old in the United States and Norway to understand how children imagine their careers.

Our forthcoming research shows that social media has emerged as one of the biggest influences for young people's career choice, second only to family, friends or teachers.

Over 60% of middle and high school students we surveyed from 2021-2024 said they wanted to be social media influencers or picked their

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New rom com 'Love On Tap' filmed in Las Cruces

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Vision Films announced a release date for "Love On Tap".

The film is set to release July 14, 2026 on platforms Apple/iTunes, AmazonInstant, Vimeo, GooglePlay, Fandango at home and Creatorwood.

"Love On Tap" was filmed entirely in Las Cruces. Locations included the Picacho Peak Brewing Company and a few other locations, including downtown.

The movie is based on the book "Brewmance: Love on Tap" by Mary Haarmeyer and Craig Beeman. It stars Alex Moffat, a Saturday Night Live alumnus, and Kennedy McMann who is best known for her role in CW Network's "Nancy Drew". The film is directed and produced by Keagan Karnes, produced by Beckie Brown, and written by Mary Haarmeyer and Stafford Douglas.

Film Las Cruces Liaison Andrew Jara said, "This production really is a love letter to Las Cruces, and we're so happy Keagan Karnes picked his hometown to film his first feature."

The film follows Amber the owner of a struggling brewing company when Samuel, a marketing expert, comes in and offers his help with the business and is exactly the kind of guy that Amber does not have time for. She clashes with Samuel right away.

"An unexpected romance 'brews' in this fresh and funny new film starring Alex Moffat," Lise Romanoff, CEO and Managing Director of Vision Films said. "From SNL to a romantic lead, his comic roots make Love on Tap not just a great rom com but also a heartwarming story about friends and family... including a scene-stealing alpaca."

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