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Senator Craig Brandt Issues Statement Following Advancement of Racketeering Bill

SANTA FE—On Friday, Senate Bill 102 advanced through the Senate Health and Public Affairs Committee with unanimous, bipartisan support. The bill aims to strengthen the state's racketeering law to give prosecutors an additional tool to go after modern criminal organizations.

Senate Republican Whip, **Senator Craig Brandt** (R-Rio Rancho), the bill's sponsor, issued the following statement regarding the bill:

"After having conversations with top prosecutors and law enforcement, one thing is clear—it is career criminals who underpin the criminal enterprise fueling our state's crime crisis. This bill is a key tool in the toolbelt of prosecutors, allowing them to attack and prosecute modern criminal organizations at every link in the chain. I'm thankful to the committee for their endorsement of this essential crimefighting legislation."

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