

1 SENATE BILL 582

2 **52ND LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2015**

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10 AN ACT

11 MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE PUBLIC EDUCATION DEPARTMENT FOR
12 THE RIO GRANDE BOSQUE ECOSYSTEM MONITORING PROGRAM.

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14 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

15 SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION.--One hundred fifty thousand
16 dollars (\$150,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the
17 public education department for expenditure in fiscal year 2016
18 for the Las Cruces public school district to support existing
19 bosque ecosystem monitoring program efforts on the Rio Grande,
20 including river and bosque water and natural resource
21 monitoring. The monitoring program shall include the
22 participation of at least three thousand kindergarten through
23 college-age New Mexico students in conservation education and
24 citizen science work that supports next-generation science
25 standards and common core standards. The program shall provide

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1 technical data, reports and analysis to New Mexico natural
2 resource and research agencies of best practices and
3 effectiveness of wildfire mitigation, exotic plant removal
4 efforts and other management activities along the Rio Grande
5 and the impacts of drought, climate and other ecological
6 drivers on the health of the Rio Grande and its bosque. Any
7 unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of
8 fiscal year 2016 shall revert to the general fund.

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