HOUSE BILL 140

53RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2017

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AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC MONEY; REQUIRING SPECIAL AUDITS ON CERTAIN CAPITAL OUTLAY PROJECTS.

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

SECTION 1. A new section of the Audit Act is enacted to read:

"[NEW MATERIAL] CAPITAL OUTLAY SPECIAL AUDITS. --

A. The provisions of Subsection B of Section 12-6-3 NMSA 1978 notwithstanding, every capital outlay project for infrastructure improvements receiving more than one million dollars (\$1,000,000) in state money shall have a special audit at the end of the project that is separate from the fiscal agent's annual audit or any other special audit that might be required by the state auditor to ensure that all funds for the capital outlay project were used properly and in accordance

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with the state law that authorized or appropriated funding for the project and any other state laws or local ordinances.

B. An agency that is the fiscal agent for a capital outlay project described in Subsection A of this section shall pay for the special audit conducted by independent auditors approved by the state auditor. The capital outlay project audit shall be subject to the Audit Act."

SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.--The effective date of the provisions of this act is July 1, 2017.

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