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**HOUSE BILL 45**

**46TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2004**

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**AN ACT**

**RELATING TO HIGHER EDUCATION; CREATING THE WATER RESOURCES  
RESEARCH INSTITUTE; MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.**

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

**Section 1. WATER RESOURCES RESEARCH INSTITUTE CREATED--  
PURPOSE. --**

**A. The "waste management education and research  
consortium" is created and shall be a division of New Mexico  
state university.**

**B. Participating institutions associated with the  
institute shall be New Mexico state university, the university  
of New Mexico, New Mexico institute of mining and technology,  
New Mexico highlands university, eastern New Mexico university  
and western New Mexico university. The purposes of the  
consortium are to:**

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1 (1) provide research and training in water  
2 conservation, planning and management, atmospheric-surface-  
3 ground water relations and water quality;

4 (2) transfer water information through the use  
5 of technical and miscellaneous publications, newsletters,  
6 conferences and presentations;

7 (3) provide expertise, specialized assistance  
8 and information to address water problems; and

9 (4) cooperate with local, state and federal  
10 water agencies.

11 C. The board of regents of New Mexico state  
12 university shall prepare reports showing the progress and  
13 condition of the institute as the board deems necessary. The  
14 reports of the institute may be printed and distributed by the  
15 board as appropriate, and revenue from the sale of the reports  
16 shall be paid into the account of New Mexico state university.

17 D. The institute may receive appropriations from  
18 the legislature through the board of regents of New Mexico  
19 state university and may receive any other items of value from  
20 public or private sources.

21 Section 2. APPROPRIATION. -- Two hundred thousand dollars  
22 (\$200,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the board  
23 of regents of New Mexico state university for expenditure in  
24 fiscal year 2005 for the water resources research institute to  
25 increase research in water conservation, planning and

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1 management. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining  
2 at the end of fiscal year 2005 shall revert to the general  
3 fund.

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