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SENATE BILL 117

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FOR THE WATER AND NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

AN ACT

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

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

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

**A. The "water resources research institute" is
created and shall be a division of New Mexico state university.**

**B. Participating institutions associated with the
water resources research 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 institute are to:**

- (1) provide research and training in water**

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1 conservation, planning and management; atmospheric-surface-
2 ground water relations; and water quality;

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

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

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

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

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