## SENATE BILL 466

## 50TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2011

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AN ACT

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR A STUDY IN NORTHERN NEW MEXICO TO DETERMINE THE LONG-TERM DEVELOPMENT NEEDS AND AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH INITIATIVES OF NORTHERN NEW MEXICO CHILE FARMERS.

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

SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION.--One hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the local government division of the department of finance and administration for expenditure in fiscal year 2012 to contract with a nonprofit cultural asset community development organization that is administratively based in Santa Fe county and that has created a Chimayo-based chile grower coalition that has functioned for five or more years to continue chile farm economic development in northern New Mexico, to conduct a study to determine the long-term development needs and

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agricultural research initiatives of northern New Mexico chile farmers and to inform the New Mexico legislature, the New Mexico department of agriculture, New Mexico state university and other interested third parties of northern New Mexico chile farmers' research needs with the aim to find equitable solutions needed for a healthy coexistence of traditional and nontraditional chile initiatives and industries. unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2012 shall revert to the general fund.

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