

1 SENATE BILL 295

2 **51ST LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2013**

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10 AN ACT

11 MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE RIO GRANDE BOSQUE ECOSYSTEM
12 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 board of regents of New Mexico state university for expenditure
18 in fiscal year 2014 for the Valencia soil and water
19 conservation district to support existing bosque ecosystem
20 monitoring program efforts on the Rio Grande, including river
21 and bosque water and natural resource monitoring. The
22 monitoring program shall include the participation of at least
23 three thousand kindergarten through college-age New Mexico
24 students in conservation education and citizen science work
25 that supports next-generation science standards and common core

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1 standards. The program shall provide technical data, reports
2 and analysis to New Mexico natural resource and research
3 agencies of best practices and effectiveness of wildfire
4 mitigation, exotic plant removal efforts and other management
5 activities along the Rio Grande and the impacts of drought,
6 climate and other ecological drivers on the health of the Rio
7 Grande and its bosque. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance
8 remaining at the end of fiscal year 2014 shall revert to the
9 general fund.

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