

SENATE HEALTH AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
SENATE BILL 359

56TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2023

AN ACT

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT TO
PLAN, DESIGN, CONSTRUCT, REPLACE AND IMPROVE WATER LINES IN
TRUTH OR CONSEQUENCES IN SIERRA COUNTY; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

SECTION 1. TEMPORARY PROVISIONS--FINDINGS OF EMERGENCY.--

The legislature finds that this act is of the utmost importance
and that an emergency shall be declared because of water line
leaks that are causing the city of Truth or Consequences to
lose more than twenty million gallons of water, or forty-three
percent of its total water, per year.

SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION.--Twenty million dollars

(\$20,000,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the
department of environment for expenditure in fiscal years 2023
through 2027 to plan, design, construct, replace and improve

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1 water lines in Truth or Consequences in Sierra county. Any
2 unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of
3 fiscal year 2027 shall revert to the general fund.

4 SECTION 3. EMERGENCY.--It is necessary for the public
5 peace, health and safety that this act take effect immediately.

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