SENATE BILL

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

INTRODUCED BY

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AN ACT

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY TO ESTABLISH THE CENTER FOR DRYLAND RESILIENCE AS A COLLABORATIVE EFFORT WITH EASTERN NEW MEXICO UNIVERSITY, THE NEW MEXICO INSTITUTE OF MINING AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO AND TO BUILD AN ECOLOGICAL MONITORING NETWORK, DEVELOP COMPUTER MODELING AND ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE SOLUTIONS TO DIAGNOSE AND PREDICT VULNERABILITIES IN DRYLAND SYSTEMS AND DEVELOP RESILIENCE STRATEGIES FOR THE SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT OF DRYLANDS.

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

      SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION.--

          A. Fourteen million nine hundred ninety-five thousand dollars ($14,995,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the board of regents of New Mexico state university for

1　expenditure in fiscal years 2024 through 2028 to establish a

2　center for dryland resilience as a collaborative effort with

3　eastern New Mexico university, the New Mexico institute of

4　mining and technology and the university of New Mexico and to

5　develop and build a technologically advanced statewide

6　ecological monitoring network, develop computer modeling and

7　artificial intelligence solutions to diagnose and predict

8　vulnerabilities in dryland natural capital, biodiversity and

9　social-ecological-agricultural systems and develop resilience

10　strategies for the sustainable management of drylands; provided

11　that not more that two million nine hundred ninety-nine

12　thousand dollars ($2,999,000) shall be expended in any one

13　fiscal year.

14　　　　　B.　Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining

15　at the end of fiscal year 2028 shall revert to the general

16　fund.

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